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School trustee knocks Jews

TORONTO — The Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress has reacted with "outrage" to a statement made on the CTV National News Sunday night by a trustee of the North York Board of Education.

Speaking about the recent controversy over the staging of the musical *Showboat*, which some members of the black community charge denigrates blacks, Stephanie Payne stated: "Most of the plays that portray blacks or any other ethnic group in a negative way is always done by a white man and usually a Jewish person is doing plays which denigrate us."

Region chair Gerda Frieberg called the remark anti-Semitic and unacceptable.

Board of Education chair Elsa Chandler, a Holocaust survivor, said she was personally "devastated and ashamed" by the comment, which was made "out of sheer ignorance."

'I told you so'

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israeli officials and Jewish organizational leaders are greeting the arrest of a Jordanian citizen of Palestinian origin in connection with last month's World Trade Center bombing with a quiet "I told you so."

Israel has long warned the world about the dangers of Islamic fundamentalism and in recent months even insisted, in the face of much American skepticism, that fundamentalist groups were operating in the United States.

Perhaps now, said Israeli ambassador to the United Nations Gad Yaacobi, "our warnings at the UN and in the media about the dangers of this movement will be received."

The man arrested in connection with the bombing, 25-year-old Mohammed Salameh, is suspected of having fundamentalist ties, perhaps through a New Jersey mosque headed by a fiery Egyptian cleric who openly supports violence in the name of Islam.

Jordanian officials have said Salameh was born in 1967 in the West Bank town of Bidya, near Nablus, just months after Israel captured the area in the Six-Day War.

It appears that his family at some point moved to Jordan, where they now reside in the city of Zarqa, north of the capital Amman.

The Jordanian government said Salameh left the kingdom in 1987 and has not returned since. U.S. officials said the suspect entered America on a six-month visa in 1988.

Also arrested in connection with the case was Ibrahim el-Gabrowny, a cousin of El Sayyid Nosair, the extremist charged, but later acquitted, in the New York assassination of the militant Rabbi Meir Kahane. Nosair was jailed after being convicted of lesser offences.

El-Gabrowny was arrested when trying to stop officers from executing a search warrant in his apartment, formerly occupied by Nosair and also listed by Salameh as his address on his New York driver's licence.

Another development in the case came Friday, when investigators discovered large quantities of materials used for bomb-making in a locker at a New Jersey self-storage facility rented out by Salameh.

Both Nosair and Salameh were known to have worshipped at the Al Salam Mosque in Jersey City, where the Islamic fundamentalist Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman delivers impassioned sermons advocating, among other things, the violent overthrow of the Egyptian government.

Rahman was tried and acquitted in Egypt for involvement in the assassination of President Anwar Sadat. U.S. officials have sought to deport him.

Israeli officials and Jewish organizational leaders, in initial reactions to fast-breaking developments in the bombing investigation, reiterated their past warnings about Islamic fundamentalism and hinted that America, and the world, might now better understand Israel's own struggle against militant fundamentalism in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Yaacobi recalled that during the UN debate over Israel's deportation of 415 Islamic fundamentalist activists to Lebanon last December, he warned of the threat posed by the group to the Middle East peace process and to the West in general.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, visiting New York last week, said: "I'm not surprised there are some signs that there is some involvement of Muslim fundamentalist movement in this outrageous act in New York. This movement is very dangerous to peace and stability, especially in the Middle East."

Shamir added: "Whether it's the Palestine Liberation Organization or (the Islamic fundamentalist group) Hamas, I don't see a great deal of difference between them. Both want to see the elimination of Israel. They will not succeed."

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council congratulated law-enforcement authorities on their progress in the investigation and urged that all necessary steps be taken to prevent further terrorist activity in America.

Congressional legislation was in fact proposed last week to crack down on Hamas activists said to be operating in the United States.

BULLETIN

Pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel will not be charged with promoting hatred, Ontario's attorney-general informed Canadian Jewish Congress Monday afternoon.

The Ontario region of CJC last August asked police to lay new charges against Zundel for statements he made. That was after the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the false news law under which Zundel was convicted a few years ago.

Full details in next week's *CJN*.

Selma Plaut an inspiration to all who knew her

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — In a life which spanned almost 103 years, Selma Plaut earned the affection and admiration of many people. Probably best known in Toronto for being awarded an honorary bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto at age 100, Plaut died last week at Baycrest Hospital after contracting bronchitis and then pneumonia.

Until three weeks before her death, she continued to attend Shabbat services at Holy Blossom Temple with her son, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, senior scholar of the congregation. "Shabbat was her day and going to shul the joy of her week," said Rabbi Plaut.

In a standout eulogy which the rabbi said he agreed to deliver at his family's urging, he spoke of his mother's death as "not only a cause for mourning" but also "a day for celebrating an unusually productive and meaningful life."

That life began in Muenster, Germany, on April 1, 1890, when Selma Gumprich was born into a large family, the ninth of 15 children, 13 of whom lived. Her parents believed in the value of education, and Selma was sent to study at a French finishing school when she was 18.

In 1911 she married Jonas Plaut, a schoolteacher, and moved to Berlin. Jonas later became director of Germany's most prestigious Jewish orphanage, where he and his wife functioned as a team, thanks to her work ethic and innate capacity to relate to young people.

In March 1939, by which time the Plauts' sons Gunther and Walter (also a rabbi) were already living in the United States, the Plauts fled to England, where they ran a youth hostel for refugee boys in Brighton during the war. Ironically, Jonas spent part of his stay in England interned because he was a German.

The war spelled the end of an era for Selma's family, who had lived in Germany for centuries. Two of her brothers perished in Auschwitz, two others had died fighting for Germany in World War I, and the remaining family scattered across the globe.

Selma Plaut

For the rest of her life, Selma kept up an active correspondance with her relatives. She attended family simchas in South Africa, Israel, the United States and Canada.

Following the war, Selma and Jonas joined their sons in the United States, but Jonas died suddenly in 1948. When Rabbi Plaut joined Holy Blossom as congregational rabbi 31 years ago, his mother also moved to Toronto.

Plaut's years in Toronto were in many ways the happiest of her life, said her son. Actively involved in temple life, she sang in the choir, volunteered in the library, and came to consider as family the congregants, who affectionately called her Mutti (the German diminutive for "Mother").

"To us she was a concerned and steadfast friend, a caring and wise counsellor," said Holy Blossom's Rabbi Dow Marmur. "We thought of her as ageless."

Rabbi Plaut recalls his mother as "a remarkable woman with drive and intiative, a keen observer and a natural philosopher."

At the age of 88, she enrolled as a mature student at the University of Toronto, where she took French language and Jewish studies.

When she received her honorary BA in June, 1990, "1,400 cheering students and their parents and friends jumped to their feet and applauded her wildly," Rabbi Plaut said. After she broke her leg a few months later, it wasn't uncommon to see young classmates visiting her in hospital.

On her 100th birthday she was still living alone and taking public transit, but after her accident "life was never the same," Rabbi Plaut said. Plaut spent the last year of her life at Baycrest Hospital, part of an institution where she had spent many years as a volunteer.

Predeceased by her son Walter in 1964, Plaut leaves her son Rabbi Gunther Plaut and his wife Elizabeth, five grandchildren (two of whom are also rabbis) and four great-grandchildren. She leaves one sister, Dr. Alice Steinberg, 95, of Houston, Texas.

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Fighting back

At the recent anti-racism rally were from left, Israeli vice-consul Chaim Waxman, Germany's consul general, Roland Fournes, MPP Don Cousens, rally chair Miriam Gelbloom, North York Mayor Mel Lastman, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem chair Joel Dimitry, Metro Toronto deputy police chief Charles Maywood and Cantor Louis Danto.

Germany tackling neo-Nazis, Toronto anti-racism rally told

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Germany "underestimated" the extent of right-wing extremism there but is taking the upsurge in neo-Nazi violence "very seriously," the country's consul general in Toronto told an anti-racism rally recently.

Those committing acts of violence against foreigners in Germany are "a tiny minority" numbering no more than 6,500, Roland Fournes told the rally, organized by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and held at the Holocaust monument in Earl Bales Park before about 350 people.

Despite the extremists' relatively small numbers, German police have created special units to battle and investigate right-wing groups, Fournes said.

"They [radicals] will not go unpunished," said Fournes to applause.

Fournes called television pictures showing youths firebombing hostels for foreigners "disgraceful."

He said the "vast majority" of Germans condemn the violence and that awareness of the problem has jumped dramatically among the populace.

Young people who take part in extremist acts "have to be aware of the risks and dangers" involved.

The plight of Jews is different today than before World War II because Israel exists, remarked the Jewish state's vice-consul in Toronto, Chaim Waxman.

In this year, which marks the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, "we must do everything" to combat hate crimes, Waxman said.

Metro Toronto deputy police chief Charles Maywood said police officers are caught in a bind when dealing with local neo-Nazi groups like the Heritage Front.

"The police must guarantee basic freedoms to all," including white supremacists. "We know we're being used. They're using us.

"But they won't get our soul. We're not about to sell our souls."

The Metro police is the first Canadian force to create a special unit dealing with hate-motivated crime, Maywood said. "In the end," he added, "we will win."

Markham MPP Don Cousens called on Canada to be an example to the world when it comes to fighting hatred and bigotry.

Nothing hurts communities more than racism, commented North York Mayor Mel Lastman.

Words of encouragement also came from Rev. Ella Taylor-Walsh of the United Church of Canada's inter-faith department.

Rally chair Miriam Gelbloom said Ontario needs stronger anti-hate laws to combat the growth of hate groups and protect minorities.

She echoed earlier comments from Joel Dimitry, chair of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, who said Canada has become the sixth largest source of hate literature in the world.

'92 incidents down: BBC annual audit

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Reported incidents of anti-Semitism in Canada decreased by 22 percent in 1992 compared to the previous year, according to the tenth annual audit of anti-Semitic incidents released last week by B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights.

Incident statistics were inflated in 1990 and 1991 following the invasion of Kuwait and during the Gulf War, Ontario regional chair Rochelle Wilner told a Toronto news conference last week. The 1992 audit figures represent an 11 percent increase over 1989.

The league attributes the level of anti-Semitism to Canadian economic problems and to increasingly overt demonstrations of hate, particularly in Ontario and Quebec. The audit report indicated open recruitment by hate groups at schoolyards and on campuses across Canada.

In western Canada, groups and individuals have been less active or have "gone into hiding following human rights tribunals, some arrests and a series of prosecutions," Wilner said.

In Ontario, BB executive vice-president Frank Dimant expressed dismay "that Premier Bob Rae, an outspoken opponent of Nazism, has so far sat passively by as one of the world's most successful hate machines operates not far from Queen's Park." Dimant called on Rae to immediately ask the attorney general to lay charges against Ernst Zundel for publishing and disseminating hate literature.

Dimant also appealed to federal postal authorities to revoke Zundel's mailing privileges.

Dimant noted that the audit did not include hate material sent from Toronto countries around the world. The audits included only incidents classified as vandalism (46 cases) or harassment (150).

"We believe the audit serves as a barometer of racism in this country," said league director Karen Mock. League initiatives to combat racism include education and intercultural programs.

"Positive and constructive steps are under way," said Wilner. "There has been increased co-operation and communication between community groups and police and government agencies."

(Left to right) Rochelle Wilner, Gabe Nachman, Frank Dimant and Karen Mock present the results of B'nai Brith's audit on anti-Semitism at a recent press conference.

Citing rise in incidents, audit causes stir in Ottawa

OTTAWA — The 1992 audit of anti-Semitic incidents released last week by B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights was the subject of recent controversy here following press reports highlighting the apparent 67 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents in the national capital.

The audit cited an increase from 15 reported incidents in 1991 to 25 in 1992 in Ottawa, while it showed a nationwide decrease from 251 to 196 incidents.

Ruth Kahane, community relations director of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, stressed that the experience of the council reflects that "there has been increased activity by hate groups, but that the recent spate of hate crimes appears to be attributable to one small group."

Ian Kagedan, Ottawa-based director of government relations for B'nai Brith Canada, was upset at having been quoted in what he said "was obviously an edited version" of an *Ottawa Citizen* article, saying that the audit was "fraught with problems."

"What I really said was that the process of gathering hate crime statistics is fraught with problems. Anyone who's ever done anything similar knows the limitations of the process, but that doesn't mean it's not an important process," Kagedan said.

The fact that the audit dealt only with reported incidents is one limitation, Kagedan said. "Obviously I'm not attacking the credibility of the report."

A concern raised by Hal Joffe, Calgary-based national co-chair, joint community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, was the classification of multiple incidents apparently from the same source.

"We do not count repetitive incidents from the same source as more than one incident," said Karen Mock, national director of the league. Mock agrees with Kahane that existing hate groups have stepped up their activity level. — **F.K.**

Skinheads attend Ottawa gathering

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Just by coming to watch, a small group of black-clad teenaged skinheads sharpened the point of an anti-racism rally held at Parliament Hill last week.

Two Jewish high school students organized the rally "to show that we as a community stand against racism of all kinds."

Sarit Aaranov and Lisa Marko were moved to organize a demonstration after their Hebrew teacher showed them a video about the rise of neo-Nazism in Germany. They said it was hard to believe they were watching film from the 1990s, and not the 1930s.

The seven skinhead teens arrived just before the speeches began. They told reporters they had come to the rally because they wanted to hear what people had to say. They sat in a row at the top of the steps behind the speakers who were addressing the crowd. Although they did not cause trouble, police moved them away from the steps and had them stand behind a barrier.

"It is a frightening reality that while our youth have rallied in the name of hope, other youth are finding their identity through hate," said Sunny Tavel of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, in her speech.

Mayor Jacqueline Holtzman said tolerance "was not a privilege, but a right." She told the audience she was proud that Ottawa police have set up a special unit to deal with hate crimes. The new Bias Crimes Unit investigates crimes that appear to be motivated by prejudice against people because of religion, homosexuality or race.

The skinheads who came to the rally were interviewed by all the media covering the event. They were openly racist, their chief complaints being about immigrants and people of color.

"Why are you so full of hate?" one television reporter asked them.

"I'm not full of hate," answered a teenaged girl with a shaved head, "I like white people."

Marko said she wasn't upset by the skinheads at all.

"I don't care about them because there will always be them, right?"

Marko and Aaranov said they were pleased with the attendance at the rally. About 120 people of all ages were there, including a busload of teens who came from Montreal.

After the rally broke up, the Montreal and Ottawa teens stayed behind to sing Hebrew songs together on the steps of Parliament Hill.

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Denounce racism, Leland asks church

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Rev. James Leland of the New Maryland United Church in New Brunswick has presented a petition to the church's Maritime Conference that would mobilize it against white supremacy and other forms of racism.

Leland said he did not expect any opposition when the petition is considered in late May.

The two-page petition asks the Maritime Conference to "declare the concept of white supremacy and all other forms of racist ideology and behavior as being unchristian and in direct opposition to the will of God as understood by the United Church of Canada."

The document also asks all church leaders to "actively expose and oppose. . . racism and anti-Semitism" and it urges congregations to work ecumenically toward the elimination of racism and anti-Semitism.

Other aspects of the petition calls on the church's presbyteries (local chapters) to "make contact with minority groups. . . offering them any support or help they might need or request in the face of racist outbreaks or attacks."

Leland, who has received the Saul Hayes Human Rights Award from Canadian Jewish Congress for his leadership in anti-racism activities, said that once accepted, the petition would be implemented by the church at the grass roots level. Among the possible means of implementation would be through the creation of interfaith committees, the scheduling of meetings or workshops where issues of racism would be discussed, or perhaps through ministers preaching against racism from the pulpit.

Rev. James Leland

Educating United Church congregations to the extent of racist behavior could be another result of the acceptance of the petition, he added.

The document's preamble sets out 12 recent examples of racist behavior, noting that white supremacists had been active on the campus of the College of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, that two klaverns (cells) of the Ku Klux Klan have been reported in the Halifax area and that hate literature towards Jews, blacks and Roman Catholics has surfaced in New Brunswick.

Leland said that the Canadian Christian-Jewish Council is planning a fall forum to discuss responses to racism.

The council consists of representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Council of Churches.

The council is currently chaired by Rabbi Howard Joseph of Montreal, who heads up Congress' religious and inter-religious affairs committee. Congress executive vice-president Alan Rose, who is staffing the council, said the group has met once in Moncton to begin planning the forum, which is tentatively scheduled for September or October.

Moncton was chosen as the site of the meeting to show solidarity with the local Jewish community. Moncton is also home to Malcolm Ross, a former teacher who has written several books and letters alleging a worldwide Jewish conspiracy to undermine Christianity.

"We want to show that the faith communities are totally opposed to what Ross stands for," Rose said.

High Court to weigh Finta briefs

TORONTO — The Supreme Court of Canada will consider four applications for intervener status in the appeal involving accused war criminal Imre Finta of Toronto.

Canadian Jewish Congress, the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, InterAmicus and Kenneth Narvey are each asking the High Court to allow them to submit legal arguments to support the validity of the Criminal Code provisions involving war crimes.

The Supreme Court will hear their applications on March 19. On Feb. 11, the High Court granted the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association permission to present written legal arguments in the Finta case. The Attorney General of Ontario has also been granted intervener status.

In May 1990 a Toronto jury acquitted Finta, a former Hungarian gendarmerie captain, on charges of robbery, forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter in connection with the arrests, imprisonments and deportations of the Jews of the south Hungarian city of Szeged. The Ontario Court of Appeal later refused to order a new trial.

In its appeal application, lawyers David Matas and Marvin Kurz of the League, said the League could assist the court in determining five legal issues, among them constitutional questions and whether the Court of Appeal erred in ruling that the trial judged corrected any "improper and inflammatory" elements in the address by defence lawyer Doug Christie.

Jack Silverstone, executive director of Congress, said Congress lawyers John Laskin and Ed Morgan will address the question of whether the Crown had to prove that Finta knew his actions amounted to war crimes or crimes against humanity.

Irwin Cotler, legal counsel for InterAmicus, an international human rights group, said his arguments will focus on the constitutional validity of the war crimes provisions and comparisons of Canadian law to that in other jurisdictions. — P.L.

How do the media view racism?

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — The white supremacist movement will gain ground over the next decade or two, according to one media figure.

This opinion was expressed by Patricia Graham, senior editor of the *Vancouver Sun*, at a "media sensitization" program held in connection with a gathering of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) national officers.

Graham was one of the members of a media panel which included Ian Haysom, editor-in-chief of the *Sun*; Rick MacInnes Rae, a national reporter for CBC News; Jonathan Festinger of Western International Communications Ltd., operator of a number of Canadian TV and radio stations and Stuart McNish, an investigative reporter for BCTV. Dr. Michael Elterman, a national CJC vice-president, introduced the panel.

Graham said that while the white supremacist movement hurts all targeted groups — non-whites, Jews, homosexuals — she does not favor censorship. "How often people seem to forget that the whole point of freedom of speech is extending it to something you find objectionable."

She said the problem in dealing with racism and anti-Semitism in Canadian newspapers is a long history of ethnocentricity which is just now being confronted.

Canadian daily newspapers today are produced mainly by "white, middle-aged males and females. Other groups are virtually absent." As Graham put it, the newspapers "are still white bread."

The *Sun's* Haysom, who served as moderator of the panel, said he saw evidence of racism in Australia, against the aboriginals; in Japan, against the Koreans, and in England, where he grew up, against all kinds of minorities.

He said that in dealing with racism, the media look at discord, dissension and confrontation among people as something to be played up in the news. "We don't deal as often as we should on the positive side," he conceded.

Newspapers should build understanding of racial groups and the prejudices that surround them, said Haysom, and the *Sun* has an advisory board set up to deal with these issues.

Western International Communications Ltd.'s Festinger said another problem for the media is the public's fascination with sensationalism. News has always been gossipy, overblown and salacious — from the time of town criers and onwards. Thus, "this month's hot spot," the expulsion of the Palestinians, gets more play than Palestinian acts in the past.

Festinger advised Congress to make sure its complaints against media are justifiable. "There are 1,000 special interest groups out there, and like it or not you are one of them. The only thing that will give you special status with the media is credibility. Beware of bogeymen just raising fears. Be clear about any harm being done."

McNish of BCTV spoke of the difficulties in deciding how to report a story because of the rush to get it on air. But, he said, "I ask myself in doing a story — am I serving a greater purpose of society in allowing these ideas to come forward? As reporters, we must always make decisions on how much to report."

He said he recently spent hours debating with opponents of Canadian Liberty Net over coverage of Liberty Net's operations. The final decision was to give more air time to the opposition than to Liberty Net.

The CBC's Rae said racism has "a new market" gathered in part through sophisticated new heroes and euphemisms. "The racists," said Rae, "have packaged all the old products in new ways," borrowing the techniques and glitz of the news shows.

Rae said the CBC turns to Congress almost continually in dealing with news of anti-Semitic occurrences.

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World

Waiting in line for medication at a Kupat Holim Clalit branch in Jerusalem. [WZPS photo]

Israel tries to improve health care system

By SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Experts and patients agree that major surgery is needed to revive Israel's public health service, close to bankruptcy and inadequate in scope and service.

Health Minister Haim Ramon has formulated a national health insurance bill to remedy the situation, which he hopes to push through the Knesset in the coming months. But political opposition, ironically from his own Labor party, threatens the bill's passage.

Ramon is uncharacteristically circumspect about his colleagues' resistance to the bill. "I have no problem with making amendments to the bill that the party can agree on," he says. "But I hope that the final decision will be for the good of the patient rather than the establishment."

Ramon's bill would guarantee the right of every Israeli citizen to streamlined medical health services through the health fund of his or her choice. At present, the onus is on citizens to arrange their own insurance and some four percent of Israelis, mainly in the Arab sector, remain without coverage.

Instead of allowing the various health funds to set and collect their own fees, the National Insurance Institute would automatically levy fees at about 5.3 percent of income, thus making sure everyone joins.

This clause antagonises the powerful Labor-run Histadrut Trade Union which runs the country's largest health fund. Its Kupat Holim Clalit (General Health Fund) has 3.7 million members representing 74 percent of the health fund market. It also owns six of the country's 26 hospitals.

"We are not a sinister Bolshevik organization," Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld insists. "We're a national institute that has served the interests of the Jewish State since before independence. And we have built up an impressive level of medical care comparable to other Western nations."

Prof. Shmuel Penchas, director-general of the Hadassah Medical Organization, also stresses the relative quality of Israel's health care system. "Remember that one-third of U.S. citizens have no health care insurance," he says. "That's more than 90 million people.

"It's true that in Israel we have long queues for medical service," he continues, "but this stems from a scarcity of resources in the past. We must set our economic priorities to reduce such inconveniences and maximize fair and equal treatment."

Penchas, an authority on the organization and administration of health services, was also one of the architects of the proposed health care legislation. He sat on the government-appointed Netanyahu Commission of Enquiry into the Operation and Efficiency of the Health Care System which submitted its report in 1990.

This became the basis of former Likud Health Minister Ehud Olmert's proposed health care reform bill, which failed to pass through the Knesset before last June's election. The widely-held assumption was that the new Labor-led government would amend the bill in order to protect the Histadrut's power.

But Ramon, always the affable political maverick, surprised everyone by proposing a bill remarkably similar to Olmert's. "I have added clauses about the basket of services," which will include routine and specialist treatment, subsidized medication and hospitalization coverage to "ensure that the poorest citizens receive fair treatment."

A clause in the new bill will enable people to switch freely from health fund to health fund, something they are unable to do at the moment. Thus the present system of four health funds (Kupat Holim Clalit, Maccabi, Leumi and Meuhedet), which causes duplication and inefficiency, will be transformed into one of free market competition, offering the consumer a genuine choice.

The Netanyahu Commission noted that in 1988 the expenditure for private health care in Israel amounted to 23 percent of total national health care expenditure. And it also recorded a distinct trend in which wealthier, healthier Israelis were joining the more privatized health funds, leaving the Histadrut fund with the unfair burden of more sick and elderly clients.

The bill proposes establishing a new government health authority to regulate competiton and subsidise services for the elderly and chronically sick. "Kupat Holim Clalit has the most to gain from such compensation because it has the highest proportion of elderly members," Ramon points out.

Such compensation, Ramon continues, would put an end to the current situation where Kupat Holim Clalit keeps turning to the government for ad hoc transfers to pay off its debts. In December alone, the government gave Kupat Holom Clait $126 million, and the health fund's total debts are estimated at $750 million.

In response to concerns about increased government costs under the proposed system, Ramon says $300 million will be saved each year on collection dues through one, rather than four, organizations.

Penchas advised Ramon to compromise with his opponents so that the bill can be passed. "The political details of whether Kupat Holim Clalit members are also Histadrut members is not crucial," he asserts. "We need this bill for the sake of the nation's health and its health system."

Until now, health fund coverage has included doctors, hospitalization and medication fees. Ramon would also like to include dental services and the broadest possible specialist treatment. But budgetary limitations may prohibit this.

Despite the opposition, and speaking in conciliatory tones, Ramon expresses optimism that 1993 will see his bill passed into law. "The country needs this law," he states. "That alone will ensure its passage."

Penchas echoes this sentiment. "The current system is not working economically," he says, "so it will have to be changed. The important thing is to make certain that the new system is equitable for the population at large."

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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Berl Berger, of Toronto, raises a very interesting explanation of his surname. He attributes it to the French word for shepherd — "berger." He says that the Hebrew word for shepherd is associated with leadership and teaching and was applied to the Kohanim (the priestly tribe of Aaron) who were his ancestors.

Conventional wisdom is that since the name derives from the German word Berg which means "mountain," it is either a symbolic allusion to Mount Sinai where Moses received the tablets, or a resident of a hilly area analogous to the French "Dumont," the Dutch "Van den Berg" or the Spanish "Del Monte."

Others consider the name ornamental like Goldberg, Rosenberg and Grossberg.

Another interpretation considers Berger to be an acronym for Ben Reb Gershom.

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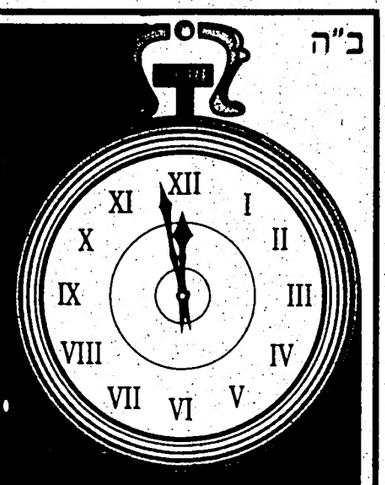
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Tel Aviv U research centre studies secrets of the brain

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The study of the human brain, which is made up of millions upon millions of neurons, has been called the ultimate scientific challenge.

Because the potential for such study is so extensive, scientists from different disciplines have staked out their claims on this organ, rarely getting together for exchange.

The new Adams Super-Centre for Brain Research at Tel Aviv University (TAU), made possible by a donation from Marcel and Annie Adams, intends to bring some order to this vast field.

"During the past decade, scientists have unlocked the doors of understanding the brain to such an extent that even the most cautious researchers are heralding the coming years as the birth of a new era and a revolution in neuroscience," said David Horn, director of the centre.

The centre will examine the brain from the vantage points of psychiatry, chemistry, neurobiology, physics, pharmacology, genetics, psychology and even artificial intelligence.

It will encourage and co-ordinate multidisciplinary research in the neurosciences. The fund will support the activities of about 100 TAU faculty members and post-graduate students, who until now have tended to work alone in their research.

Scientists now know the brain is a highly complex structure containing about 100 billion neurons, or nerve cells, which are linked by 1,000 times as many connecting synapses, said Horn, a physicist, who recently visited Montreal.

"The promise that such brain research holds out is immense. For example, biochemistry, using knowledge accumulated in physics and chemistry, studies the way neurons communicate with one another.

"This then becomes the basis for understanding the pharmacological effects of chemical agents that can control or reduce such disorders as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease and schizophrenia."

But medical advance is not the only concern of the centre. Physicists like Horn, an expert in artificial intelligence, view the brain as a finely functioning machine that can be used as model for building computer hardware and software, which will imitate the brain's processes.

Six different TAU faculties are engaged in various aspects of brain research: medicine, life sciences, social sciences, exact sciences, engineering and humanities.

In medicine, researchers are studying receptors in the brain believed to play an important role in epilepsy, Alzheimer's, heart disease, drug addiction and seasonal mental illnesses related to the biological clock.

The psychologists are interested in the effect of antipsychotic drugs on attention deficit disorder and schizophrenia.

The exact sciences faculty is working on the development of autonomous artificial intelligent systems in robotics, that is, how do you process computer commands that will direct a machine to move to perform a task.

The engineers are also working on artificial intelligence projects. For example, understanding how electric signals are transmitted from the brain to the muscles may be replicated in the control systems of prosthetic limbs.

The humanities are not being overlooked in learning more about the brain. Philosophers and linguists have been working with neuropsychologists and neurologists in the study of language use, for example.

Annie Adams, past president of the Canadian Friends of TAU, Eastern Canada chapter, believes the centre's work will prove to be of "vast importance to virtually every family."

David Horn (second from right), director of the Adams Family Super-Centre for Brain Research at Tel Aviv University, met in Montreal with Canadian Friends of TAU president Sue Carol Isaacson and Marcel and Annie Adams, who launched the new centre.

Montreal project goes to Israel

MONTREAL — Project Genesis, a no-frills storefront community organization founded in Montreal in the late '70s on the premise that the poor and otherwise disadvantaged are best served by giving them the tools to help themselves, is being exported to some of Israel's grittiest neighborhoods.

McGill University social worker professor Jim Torczyner, who founded the Montreal Genesis, is now heading Genesis in Israel, a nonprofit organization that will shortly have staff and quarters in Jerusalem and Beersheba.

Genesis will deal with chronic social problems related to poverty, unemployment, housing and absorption, getting ordinary people involved by making them aware of their rights and showing them how they can affect government policies by organizing themselves.

Beersheba was chosen because conventional ways of dealing with poverty have hardly made a dent in the quality of life of the residents of this Negev city. For several years, money was raised in Montreal by Combined Jewish Appeal(CJA) for Beersheba under Project Renewal.

"A couple of years ago, (Federation CJA) sent me to Beersheba to try to find out why all the money that had been spent had not achieved the goal of getting the grassroots involved in finding practical solutions to their problems." People were simply not convinced there was anything they could do to make a difference, and funding of another after-school program, for example, ignored the broader factors at play.

The Federation is now among the sponsors of Genesis in Israel, along with the Jewish Agency, the municipalities of Beersheba and Jerusalem, and Ben-Gurion and Hebrew universities, whose social work departments are a key component of the project.

In the 60s, Torczyner worked with street gangs in Israel, and lived in the country five years. From a prominent Zionist family, he says he spoke Hebrew before English and knows how things work (or don't work) in Israel.

"There was a fundamental flaw with Project Renewal: The belief that problems originate with local communities and can be solved locally, that it is the people who must adjust," he said.

Genesis challenges that assumption. More likely, he thinks, it is government policy at the national level that is at the root. Torczyner found in door-to-door conversations that few poor Israelis know what they are entitled to, let alone how to get it.

"The notion of rights is not yet established in Israel. People get things through who they know or screaming a lot."

This includes such benefits as family allowances, disability pensions and public housing.

Genesis also aims to heal the rifts in between different groups, such as, in the Beersheba case, the long-resident Sephardim and the new Russian immigrants, by identifying common issues.

In Jerusalem, Genesis will be based in three adjoining rundown neighborhoods that are home to otherwise very different people: Katamon, settled years ago by mainly Sephardi immigrants; Pat-Gilo, recently established for new, mostly Russian, olim; and Beit Tzephapa, an Israeli Arab community.

Genesis' national lobbying is essential, Torczyner feels, because citizens are not represented regionally under the Israeli electoral system. In other words, politicians are not directly accountable to a particular constituency.

At the same time, Genesis has vowed to remain strictly apolitical.

The Genesis offices will recruit volunteers and train them in techniques of advocacy on social and legal issues and community organization, as well as provide information services. The program is expected to promote academic and professional exchanges between Canada and Israel, and plenty of field work for university students.

The Israeli staff will be coming to Montreal this summer to observe how the original Project Genesis handles 15,000 requests a year for its services.

Its advisory board is a mixture of academics, lawyers, community activists and municipal officials, among them well-known Refusenik Yosef Begun, McGill law professor Irwin Cotler, feminist Leah Shakdiel, UIA of Canada Israel director Amnon Shinar and Yamin Suissa, founder of the radical Israeli Panthers.

Fight against hatemongers assured

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — The Canadian government will come down hard on hatemongers in Canada, according to one official.

Neil M. Drabkin, senior policy advisor to the federal Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship, also said foreigners known to promote racial hatred will be barred from entry into the country.

Speaking at a meeting of national officers of Canadian Jewish Congress, Drabkin said an interdepartmental committee has been set up to co-ordinate response to hatemongers. The committee is made up of senior officials from the departments of Immigration, Multiculturalism, Justice and the Solicitor General.

The RCMP has been investigating hate groups and their activities across Canada, as well as working with colleagues in other countries to uncover connections between the groups. Custom officials will step up their activities to seize and destroy hate literature before it can be distributed in Canada, said Drabkin.

"All of us — government, Congress, the media — must continue to inform and educate Canadians about those who would divide our society with their venom," he said. "They must have no hiding place and yet they must not be allowed to expand their network of hatred."

Drabkin said the hatemongers' ability to seduce and corrupt the minds of our young must be stopped with all the powers at our disposal.

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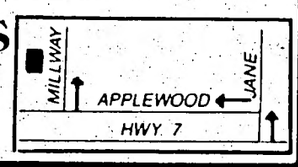

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World

New York inner-city kids meet challenges on kibbutz

NEW YORK (JTA) — Off they went to Israel, that far-away place these children of the inner city know of only from newspaper headlines.

They left behind worried mothers and grandmothers and a few alumni of the program who were envious that they were not the ones about to board the plane.

In a cavernous high school gymnasium in Manhattan's Morningside Heights neighborhood, the black and Latino students on their way to 10 weeks of hard work on a kibbutz in northern Israel gathered with their families and friends to scarf down one last American meal — pizza and soda — and to say goodbye.

These 14 high school students — seven male and seven female — ranging in age from 16 to 21, are really too old in years and experience to be called boys and girls.

Christine Cruz, 18, has almost single-handedly raised her little sister and is worried about leaving her for the 10 weeks she will be on Kibbutz Baram, near Safed, on the program run by Stuart Bialer and T-L Youthworks.

"She's taking it real hard," said Christine, who once visited family in Puerto Rico but has never before traveled further.

And Christine? "I'm nervous, anxious, scared, every emotion that could possibly be," she said.

The young men and women, all of whom attend West Side Alternative High School because they were unable to manage in a regular high school environment, had various expectations of what life on kibbutz would be like.

"It's like one big family," said Cruz. "Everybody works together. Not like here, where everyone's out for themselves."

Vincent DeJesus, also 18, expects that it will take awhile to adjust to life without the "luxuries" he is accustomed to in New York, like "toasters and TVs. Because life in Third World countries is not like this," he said.

Cynthia Asjana, 20, who was born in the Dominican Republic, had never been around many Jews.

She thought that the kibbutzniks might be the kind of Jews "with the curls and hats," and that Israel would be "lots of desert, with everything quiet."

Returning from picking oranges in the kibbutz orange groves. The workers are kibbutz members of different ages and high-school pupils.

But as some of the 70 veterans who have attended the program over the past four years tell it, their Israel experience is something very different.

Each of the young men and women who had been on the program in past years describe it as no less than life-changing.

Jose Morales went to Israel in 1991, when he was on the verge of dropping out of high school.

In Israel, "I saw that there was more things out there than hanging out on a street corner in the neighborhood. There's other things in life. And if you better yourself, you can reach them."

Shanequa Johnson went last year.

One of eight children of a drug-addicted mother, Shanequa was raised by her grandmother and was the first member of her extended family to graduate from high school. She spent this year applying to colleges.

She was a bit frightened of what might happen to her in Israel, she recalls.

"At first I didn't want to go. I was scared of the wars, bombs, the things I see on the news, like Crown Heights with the blacks and the Jews.

"I didn't really know about Jewish people because there's none in my neighborhood. I thought they might treat me badly," she said.

"The stereotype in my neighborhood is that Jews stay to themself. I heard they was stingy, but that's not true. In my neighborhood, saying 'You a Jew,' means you're just a cheap person.

"But a lot of Jewish people donated money to send us, so I can't say that."

And once on the kibbutz, Shanequa found that her group was welcomed warmly.

By her own account, she found that the hard work she did in the kibbutz's fire-extinguisher factory and dining hall and kitchen taught her life lessons she otherwise would not have likely learned.

"Seeing people working every day of their life, when they're old, and they're not even thinking about free time, that changed me a lot," said Shanequa.

In "my neighborhood, in my family, no one really works. Everyone receives some type of benefits from the government and that's it. If you grow up in an environment where your parents don't work, that's what you know.

"You feel good about yourself when you work and have done something for yourself. (It) showed me that I want to work, that I'll feel good about myself, rather than lying around."

Shanequa now intends to go to college and become a teacher.

Living on a kibbutz also showed her relationships between people she had never before witnessed.

I saw "that people can live loving and in a non-violent way. Here if a man beats you they say he is showing his love to you," said Shanequa. "There they don't beat each other, but they live loving. It opened my eyes to a lot of things."

Coming back to her East Harlem housing project, where the downstairs neighbors are drug dealers and where she has to watch her back every moment, has not been easy.

"My friends look at me with a disgusting look. When I came back they said I was trying to be like white people," said Shanequa.

"People in the neighborhood got jealous. No one's happy for you. A lot of people expect me to grow up like my mother, as a drug addict. But I want to better my life, not to be like them, with a lot of children sitting around not doing anything," she says.

"I'm going to prove everyone wrong."

The 10-week program is the brainchild of Jewish public-school teacher Stuart Bialer, who came up with the idea five years ago after spending a sabbatical on Kibbutz Lehavot Habashan, at the foot of the Golan Heights.

This is the first year the group will be on Kibbutz Baram.

The participants' families pay what they can. But most of the $60,000 cost of the program is provided by Jewish-owned businesses. And Bialer hopes that in the future, more black-owned businesses will also sponsor the trips.

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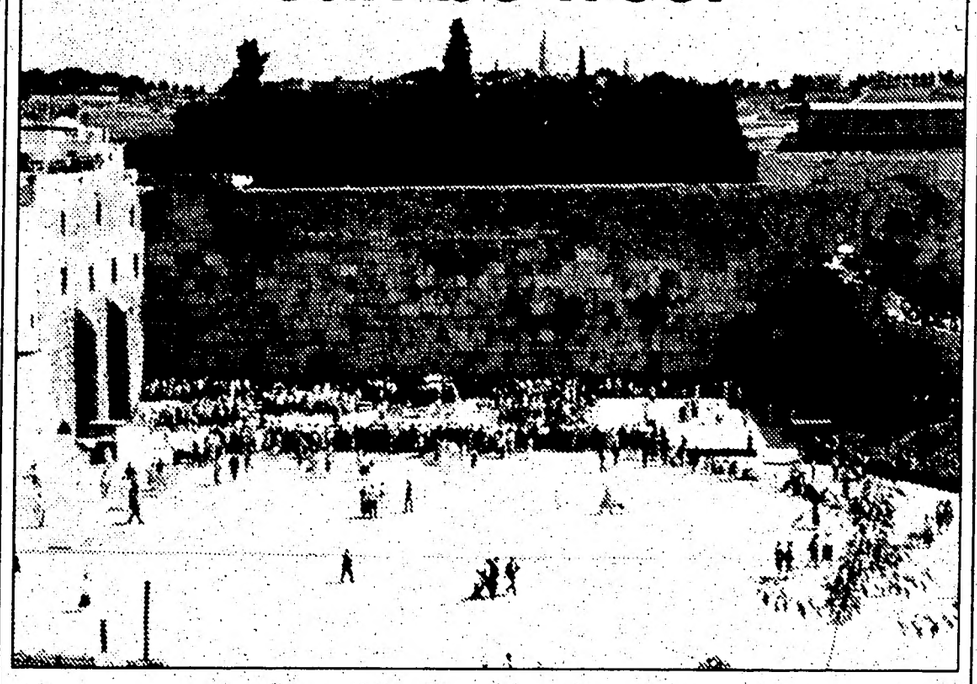

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Despite remarks, U.S. firm on aid

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department has distanced itself from remarks made by U.S. Ambassador to Israel William Harrop last week suggesting a possible cutback in U.S. aid to the Jewish state.

Speaking in Israel, Harrop was quoted as saying March 4 that "it may prove difficult to maintain our economic aid" to Israel "at its current high level."

But State Department spokesman Richard Boucher on Friday reiterated the Clinton administration's commitment to maintaining aid to Israel at its current $3 billion annual level.

"The president's fiscal year 1994 budget does not assume any cuts in security assistance to Israel and Egypt," Boucher said. "It is our intention to continue significant levels of aid to Israel and Egypt."

Boucher later clarified that by "security assistance," he meant the entire $3 billion sum for Israel, which includes $1.8 billion in military aid and $1.2 billion in economic assistance.

While Boucher avoided either criticizing or defending Harrop, he made it clear that the ambassador was not expressing the official views of the U.S. government.

"Ambassador Harrop was not speaking on instructions," Boucher said. "His remarks on possible aid cuts may perhaps be a reflection of his own personal views, but I do want to make clear he was not speaking on instructions."

President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and Secretary of State Warren Christopher have all publicly expressed support for maintaining aid to Israel at its current level.

But in the current climate of financial sacrifice, supporters of Israel have expressed concern that foreign aid may be significantly sliced in future budget plans.

Moscow Jews mark Purim in light mood

MOSCOW (JTA) — Moscow Jews celebrated Purim with a gala evening of comedy and song in the capital's Taganka Theater, on the eve of what promised to be another stormy session of the Russian Congress of People's Deputies.

But few see the latest showdown between President Boris Yeltsin and his arch-rival, conservative Parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, as threatening to Russian Jews.

"There is no Haman in the Russian drama," said Roman Spektor, a top figure in the Vaad, the umbrella body that represents some 200 Jewish communities across Russia. "The political crisis has no Jewish dimension," he said.

The Purim concert Saturday evening represented in some respects a maturation of Moscow's Jewish community. It was the first time a Jewish holiday has been marked in one of the capital's most famous theaters.

The Taganka Theater gained notoriety for the politically daring productions of its director, Yuri Lubimov, during the Perestroika period.

Lubimov emigrated and settled in Israel a few years ago, but returned last year to renew his leadership of the theater. An Israeli citizen, he now divides his time between Israel and Russia.

The city authorities also recognized the Jewish holiday. Banners declaring "Purim 5753 — Svitka (Megillat) Esther!" were hung above several main Moscow streets where but a few years ago only Communist slogans were allowed to appear.

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Israeli is in cult in Texas clash

TEL AVIV (JTA) — An Israeli is among the members of a religious sect that has been holding a bloody standoff with U.S. federal agents in Waco, Texas.

In an interview with Israeli army radio Saturday, a woman who would not give her name said her son had first become acquainted with Vernon Howell, the leader of the Branch Davidians, when he visited Israel on a fundraising and membership drive two or three years ago.

Her son fell under the influence of Howell, who uses the name of David Koresh, and followed him back to Texas, the mother said. Her son returned home after a six-month stay but returned to Waco a year ago, she said.

The mother said she had been in regular telephone communication with her son throughout his stay in the compound, up to a day or so before a Feb. 28 raid by U.S. federal agents on the well-fortified complex, which resulted in four of the American agents shot dead.

The woman believes her son was in the compound at the time of the assault. "Since then I have not been able to get through to him," she reported. "Now I am really worried."

Koresh, who says he is Jesus Christ, took the surname to signify descent from King David and affinity with Koresh, or Cyrus, the Persian king who let the exiled Jews return to Israel.

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World

Stabbing spree sparks new crisis

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A bloody stabbing spree by a Palestinian from the Gaza Strip that left two Jews dead has once again brought home to Israelis the bitter conclusion that they are limited in what they can do to combat terrorism.

Hours after the attack last week in a busy commercial neighborhood of southern Tel Aviv, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin appeared before a Knesset committee and promised to take action. But Rabin also conceded there is little one could do as long as the present political stalemate in the territories continues.

The Israeli army announced it was sealing off the Gaza Strip temporarily, but Rabin said a permanent ban on Palestinian laborers entering Israel proper would only fuel more unrest in the Gaza Strip.

The Arab attacker, identified as Ziad Salame, 18, of Gaza, came to Tel Aviv in a car bringing laborers to the city. He emerged from the vehicle brandishing two knives, then ran down a street and stabbed nine pedestrians, two of them fatally.

Salame was chased and beaten up by incensed witnesses before being taken into custody by police.

A spokesman for the militant Islamic Jihad group in Damascus claimed Salame acted as a member of that organization. But Israeli police said he appeared to have been acting on his own, without any political affiliation.

However, police did say Salame was an Islamic fundamentalist and that his brother had been imprisoned for a year on account of membership in Islamic Jihad, an illegal terrorist organization.

Police said Salame had no previous police record and had a valid police permit to enter Israel proper to seek work.

Salame told police that he had entered Israel proper from Gaza to seek work and had decided to "kill Jews" because he had not been able to find work despite daily trips to Tel Aviv.

Police said Salame told them under interrogation he had bought a commando knife in Gaza and also brought with him a kitchen knife from home.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

Police said they thought he might have been inflamed by sermons he heard in Gaza mosques at the start of the month-long Ramadan holiday.

The two killed in Salame's attack were Gregory Abramov, 27, of Tel Aviv, an unemployed recent immigrant from the former Soviet Union, and Natan Azariya, 28, of Holon, who was killed outside the barber shop he owned on Ha'aliyah Street.

Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital reported that four other victims of the attack were being operated on for deep stab wounds, with one of them in serious but stable condition. Three others had been sent home after treatment for minor wounds.

In the last two weeks, Israel has seen a fatal stabbing in a residential neighborhood of eastern Jerusalem and rockets launched by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon landing in a kibbutz in northern Israel.

In his address to the Knesset committee, Rabin said the only lesson to be learned from the new cycle of violence was the need to intensify the peace efforts, while continuing to take all possible measures against terrorism.

"But in the end, without coming to a political solution," Rabin said, the reality of mixing Palestinians from the territories with Jews inside Israel proper "has within it the potential that a murderous madman like this will rise up."

Rabin rejected demands from several Knesset members to bar all Palestinians from entering Israel.

Restricting the Palestinians for anything longer than a short period of time would only leave residents without work and a source of income, he argued. Such a move would not solve the security problem, but would actually inflame passions, Rabin said.

Whether or not the attack was organized by militant organizations directed from outside Israel or taken at Salame's private initiative, it clashed sharply with renewed hopes here that the peace process would once again take off.

Those hopes were encouraged by the visit of U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and the surprise visit Sunday by Osama el-Baz, senior political adviser to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Rabin is now being forced to face challenges on two fronts: the external front of Arab terrorism and the internal front of the right-wing opposition, which is demanding that Israel take tougher measures against the Palestinians and Hezbollah, even at the cost of stalling the peace talks.

In the atmosphere resulting from the aftermath of the Tel Aviv attack, it will be more difficult for the government to make further gestures toward the Palestinian activists deported to Lebanon. The deportees remain a stumbling block to resumption of the peace talks.

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פון **יעקב עגיט**

אין חודש אַפּריל, 1993, ווערט 50 יאָר זינט ס'האָט אויסגעבראָכן דער אויפשטאַנד אין וואַרשעווער געטאָ. אין דעם טאָג, דעם 19־טן אַפּריל, ווען פאַרקומען גרויסע אונטערנעמונגען אין אַ סך לענדער אירער דער וועלט, אַרגאַניזירט פון וועלט־פאַרבאַנד פון יידישע קעמפער, פאַרטיזאַנען און קאַמפּעטלער אין ישׂראל און פון דער וועלט־פעדעראַציע פון פּוילישע יידן, און מיטן אָנטייל פון „לוחמי הגיטאות", „מישואה", „יד ושם" און אַנדערע אָרגאַניזאַציעס פון ישׂראל.

אין די אַנדענק־פייערונגען אין פוילן וועלן אַנטיילנעמען 3,000 יוגנטלעכע פון ישׂראל און יוגנט־דעלעגאַציעס פון די רעפובליקן פון געווע־זענעם סאָוועטן־פֿאַרבאַנד, פון אַמעריקע, קאַנאַדע און אַנדערע לענדער. די היסטאָרישע פייערונג וועט פאָרקומען אונטערן פּראָטעקטאָראָט פון ישׂראל־פּרעזידענט, חיים הערצאָג, און פון פּוילישן פּרע־זידענט, לעך וואַלענסאַ.

50 יאָר זיינען אַוועק, זינט אַ גרופּע לעבן־געבליבענע יידישע יוגנטלעכע אין וואַרשעווער געטאָ האָבן געענדערט דעם קורס פון געשיכטע. זיי האָבן געהאַט קיגן זיך אַזאַ מיליטעריש קראַפט, וואָס די וועלט האָט ביז דעמאָלסט נישט געזען. אַליין, איזאָלירט פון דער וועלט, קיינער האָט זיי נישט אַנערקענט. זיי זיינען געווען שוואַך, הונגעריק, מיליטעריש נישט אויסגעשולט, זייער געווער איז געווען פּרימיטיוו.

אָבער דעם 19־טן אַפּריל, 1943, אין דער ערשטער סדר־נאַכט, ווען די דייטשע מערדער האָבן זיך אַריין־געלאָזט אין געטאָ דורכצופֿירן די לעצטע אַקציע און אימבערענגען די רעשטלעך לעבעדיקע יידן, האָבן פון פּריער באַשטימטע פונקטן אויף זיי אַ האַגל געטאָן גראַנאַטן, ברען־פלאַשן, א.א. אַ נייער פּראַנט קעגן די דייטשן האָט זיך אַזוי פּלוצלינג פון קיין ערגעץ נישט אויסגעבראָכן אַ שטיקל פּרי ארט, וואו מען זאָל קענען אָטעמען. וואוהין איז אָבער געווען צו לויפן? אַז אַלץ ברום און ברום האָט געברענט. אין דעם דאָזיקן ברענענדיקן גהינום האָבן אונדזערע קעמפער און מאַרטירער געקעמפט מיט אַן איבערמענטשלעכער גבורה.

ווער קען ווייסן געניי די צאָל יידן, וואָס זיינען אומגעקומען אין די בונקערס. אין די דאָזיקע טרויעריקע טעג זיינען פאַראייניקט געווארן די, וואָס זיינען געפאַלן מיט געווער אין האַנט, מיט די, וואָס זיינען פאַרגאַזט געווארן. זיי אַלע זיינען אומגעקומען אין דעם אומגלייכן קאַמף פאַר „ווירדע פון ייד און מענטש, פאַר אונדזער און אייער פרייהייט."

זיי האָבן געוואָגט. זיי זיינען געווען דורכגענומען מיט אַ טיפן און ברענענדיקן פאַרלאַנג נקמה צו נעמען אין דעם ברוטאַלן שונא, וואָס האָט דערמאָרדעט און דערשטיקט זייערע טאַטעס־און מאַמעס, זייערע קליינע קינדער, זייערע גאַנצע משפחות. גאַנצע זעקס וואָכן האָט דער אומפאַרגלייכלעכער קאַמף געדויערט.

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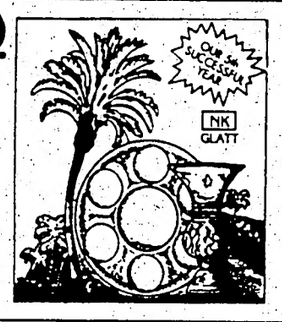

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Tough measures urged to fight hate crimes

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Criminals motivated by hate for their victim's race, creed or color may find themselves with more time than they bargained for to mull over their crimes.

A House Judiciary panel has approved a bill that would increase by about a third the sentences of convicted criminals motivated to commit their crimes by bias against a person's religion, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, ethnicity or gender.

The measure is hailed by the bill's backers as a potent weapon in the war against hate crimes. But others question the measure's constitutionality.

"I think this bill is a piece of the hate-crime puzzle and part of the demonstrable importance of the federal response to hate violence," said Michael Lieberman, associate director of the Anti-Defamation League.

Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia have statutes against hate violence, said Jess Hordes, ADL's Washington representative.

"We believe increasing penalties for federal crimes motivated by prejudice will have a deterrent impact — and send the message to both perpetrators and victims that society will not tolerate these odious crimes," he said.

"Tougher penalties also make it more likely that victims will report such offences — and that prosecutors will pursue convictions."

The action in Congress comes against the backdrop of recent Supreme Court decisions regarding hate-crimes laws in several states. The high court agreed in December to review a Wisconsin ruling striking down that state's hate-crimes statute. That legislation is similar to the current House bill.

Last summer the Supreme Court struck down a St. Paul, Minn., ordinance that banned the display of a Nazi swastika or a burning cross. Hordes said supporters of the Wisconsin law and the House bill draw a distinction between their provisions and the provisions of the St. Paul statute.

The St. Paul rule criminalized conduct that showed bias, while Wisconsin's law and the Congressional proposal call for stiffer sentences for crimes already on the books, when those crimes are motivated by bigotry.

The House bill, introduced by Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), is also supported by the American Jewish Congress, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Organization of Chinese Americans, the Japanese American Citizens League, the Fraternal Order of Police and other groups.

However, the American Civil Liberties Union and People For the American Way, a liberal government watchdog group, say the measure has constitutional conflicts.

Since evidence concerning the felon's motivation would be heard at sentencing hearings, it would not receive the same beyond-a-reasonable-doubt scrutiny as does the question of whether or not the person committed the crime, People for the American Way contend.

The bill is also too broadly written and, because the concept of "motivation" is so amorphously defined, the measure could end up punishing criminals who, while they may have committed a crime, did not do so solely because of hate for their victim's race, religion or sexual orientation, the ACLU says.

A person's membership in certain groups, or the discovery of hate literature at the person's home could be used to deduce such motivation. That, says the ACLU, would violate First Amendment protections. The ACLU supports hate-crime legislation that more narrowly defines such crimes and demands proof of intent beyond a reasonable doubt.

Settlers want to know when they can use guns

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Reacting to a spate of Palestinian attacks against Israelis, Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are demanding changes in the rules about when they are allowed to shoot at Arabs stoning them.

Many settlers, routinely stoned by Arabs as they drive around the territories in cars with tell-tale yellow licence plates, carry guns. But they are only supposed to shoot live ammunition if they feel their lives are in danger.

Settler leaders declared last week that they would fire at attackers in any stoning attack. But the army's chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, repeated Sunday that there was no need to make any changes in the standing rules.

The issue once again emerged on the national agenda following the mob killing of an Israeli in the Gaza Strip and a shooting incident the next day in which an Israeli driver shot to death a 60-year-old Arab in eastern Jerusalem after coming under a stoning attack.

In the Jerusalem incident, the Israeli driver, Haim Danino, fled the scene after the incident but was tracked down over the weekend by police, arrested and detained. Danino claimed he had fired in the air in self-defence and did not mean to kill anyone.

But police are looking into possible charges of illegal use of his gun.

Right-wing politicians have rallied to Danino's defence, mounting pressure on Police Minister Moshe Shahal to release the driver on bail, since, according to their arguments, he acted properly in self-defence.

A group of right-wing activists announced over the weekend they would establish a new organization, the Committee for the Right of Self-Defence, to give legal assistance to civilians and soldiers charged with violating regulations about shooting during clashes with Arabs.

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Virologist Sabin dies

NEW YORK (JTA) — Dr. Albert Sabin, a world-renowned virologist who developed the oral polio vaccine, died last week of congestive heart failure in Washington. He was 86.

Sabin was the fourth president of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, from 1970 through 1972.

He served as a member of the institute's board of governors for more than 25 years.

He bequeathed large grants to the Weizmann Institute last year and the year prior, to be used for solar energy research.

In 1991, he surprised the committee at its annual dinner by donating $500,000. In 1992, he donated another $120,000 for that purpose. That gift was the proceeds of awards he had received from Italian sources: the Abano Terme Quality of Life Prize and the Sanremo Laboratoria Farmaceutico CT Prize.

Solar energy, Sabin said, "is the biggest challenge for the ultimate, complete transformation from fossil fuels. It is important not only for the world at large but also for Israel and the Weizmann Institute itself."

Sabin, who was a physician, virologist and microbiologist, delved into the possible role of viruses in human cancer.

He developed the oral polio vaccine after researching a cure for the disease from 1931 through 1961. The vaccine made use of live altered polio viruses.

Born in Bialystok, Russia in 1906, Sabin immigrated to the United States at age 14. In 1931 he graduated from New York University Medical School and served as a medical officer in the U.S. Army during World War II.

In 1967, Sabin visited Argentina and Brazil as a guest of the American Jewish Committee and its sister agencies in South America. There, he lectured at universities and other scientific and medical institutions and met with government officials and Jewish groups.

At that time, Sabin was distinguished service professor of research pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and chief of the Division of Virology and Cancer Research of its Children's Hospital Research Foundation.

Dr. Albert Sabin

Sabin was also awarded the National Medal of Science, the U.S. government's highest award for distinguished achievements in science, mathematics and engineering.

He was also chairman of the advisory committee on Tropical Health of the National Academy of Science-National Research Council, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR, the Infectious Diseases Society of America and was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Among other honors he received were the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the U.S. National Medal of Science, the Bruce Memorial Award of the American College of Physicians, the Feltrinelli Prize of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei of Rome, the Order of Friendship Among Peoples, USSR, and the Albert Lasker Clinical Medicine Research Award.

Murder charges dropped

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Murder charges have been dropped against two Jerusalem area brothers who had been accused of plotting to kill a prominent California child psychiatrist, allegedly at the behest of his daughter.

At the prosecution's request, the court dismissed a conspiracy to commit murder count against Rabbi Austin (Avraham) Feld, 38, and his brother, Scott (Israel) Feld, 36. Prosecutors said they did not have enough evidence to press the charge.

The brothers still face trial on a second count of conspiring to burglarize the home of psychiatrist Saul Wasserman, a Stanford University professor.

Rabbi Feld, a psychologist, social worker and father of five, and Scott Feld, a sheep farmer on a moshav near Jerusalem and father of seven, have left for New York on their way to Israel, after their American passports were restored.

The brothers were born and raised in New York and hold dual U.S. and Israeli citizenship. They are free on $100,000 bail each, reduced from a previous $500,000.

Their trial on the burglary count has been set for May 10, but Austin Feld expressed guarded optimism that the remaining charge will be dropped as well.

He told the *Northern California Jewish Bulletin* that "there might not be a trial," and his attorney, Ephraim Margolin, described the state's case as "a casualty of errors."

The bizarre case began with the arrest on Nov. 19 of the brothers near the Wasserman home in Palo Alto, Calif., when a police officer searched their rental car and found ski masks, knives, plastic handcuffs, a rubber mallet and women's stockings.

In addition, the police discovered in Austin Feld's coat pocket a detailed map of the Wasserman home, a house key, combinations to the house's security system, and location of a safe and shotgun.

Wasserman and his wife Judith identified the map as having been drawn by their 22-year-old daughter, Rachel, currently a student at a yeshiva in Jerusalem who had received counselling from Austin Feld.

The couple told police that Rachel had suffered an emotional breakdown and had twice threatened to kill them after accusing the parents and a grandfather of sexually molesting her.

The prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Tom Farris, told the Jerusalem Post that he had dropped the murder conspiracy count because he did not feel that he had enough solid evidence at this point to persuade a jury that the Felds were plotting to kill the Wassermans.

Farris said he retained the option to refile the charge, should new evidence warrant it.

In return for the dismissal of the murder count, the Felds waived their right to a speedy trial, which under California law compels a prosecutor to try a defendant within 60 days after arrest.

The time delay will allow the prosecution to send a local police investigator to Israel to work with Israeli police on the case, after some frustrating delays.

Deputy District Attorney Stan Voyles, in charge of this aspect of the case, said that following the Felds' arrest in November, Israeli police appeared ready to cooperate.

Later, Voyles was informed that under Israeli law, police could not co-operate without a formal request from the American court to an Israeli court, requesting police assistance.

The letter has been wending its way through the U.S. Justice and State departments and their counterparts in Israel. Voyles said he hoped the binational negotiations would be concluded and a local representative sent on his way "relatively soon."

For more than two months, the Santa Clara County Superior Court, which has jurisdiction in the case, has been deluged by more than 100 letters, mainly from Israel, attesting to the Felds' character and their selfless work with the disadvantaged, handicapped and needy.

The News in Brief

Neo-Nazi detained

BONN — German police have detained 13 neo-Nazis in two unrelated cases in the towns of Bauzen and Halberstadt.

In both instances, the neo-Nazis attacked local youth clubs.

The six detained youths in Bauzen, a town in the state of Saxony, were part of a group of some 40 neo-Nazis who attacked a youth club in nearby Hoyerswerda last month, seriously injuring one employee and beating up several guests.

Police searches conducted at the suspects' apartments yielded large quantities of anti-Semitic and anti-foreigner propaganda.

In another case of neo-Nazism, a court in Gera, Saxony, rejected the appeal of a neo-Nazi activist Thomas Dienel to overturn a two-year, eight-month prison term imposed by a lower panel in the town of Rudolfstadt.

Dienel was sentenced for circulating anti-Semitic propaganda and encouraging racial discrimination.

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Emigration plunges

NEW YORK — A total of 4,324 Jews from the former Soviet Union immigrated to Israel in February, the lowest monthly total since last June.

An additional 2,424 Soviet Jews arrived in the United States under the government's refugee program, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society reported.

That figure was the lowest monthly total since July 1991.

And while the number of Jews arriving in Israel last month was 28 percent lower than January's total, it was actually higher than the total number of arrivals in February 1992, according to figures provided by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

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Poverty shocks Rabin

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, returning shocked from a visit to an impoverished Tel Aviv neighborhood, expressed concern about deteriorating social and economic conditions.

Rabin, who toured the poorer areas of southern Tel Aviv, said he was surprised at the high rate of unemployment, the lack of medical services and the high use of drugs.

"One mother told me of drug addicts sitting in front of every house," Rabin said.

Rabin painted a gloomy picture of Israel's economic situation and compared the country to a family in a state of bankruptcy.

Rabin said that Israel needs to drastically reduce the number of Arabs from the territories working in Israel in order to fight the growing unemployment among the Jewish population.

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Bormann's death revealed

BUENOS AIRES — Nazi war criminal Martin Bormann died in Paraguay in 1959, according to files of the Paraguayan police that were recently discovered and made public.

The finding, if accurate, challenges a widespread belief that Bormann, who was one of Adolf Hitler's top aides, committed suicide in Berlin in 1945.

A report in the police files said Bormann succumbed to stomach cancer in Hohenau, an insular German-speaking colony 220 miles south of Asuncion, the Paraguayan capital.

One source in the world Jewish community who asked not to be identified said the information does not "pan out with what we do know," that Borman died in Berlin at the end of the Second World War.

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Holocaust soil reburied

WASHINGTON — In a moving ceremony at the still-incomplete U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, soil from 39 Holocaust sites was interred in the museum's Hall of Remembrance, where it will rest beneath an eternal flame.

The hour-long soil dedication ceremony, attended by several hundred people including Holocaust survivors and U.S. military personnel, was part of a series of events leading up to the museum's long-awaited opening April 26.

Soil from concentration camp sites was mingled with soil from the gravesites of U.S. military liberators of the camps in a literal and symbolic joining of survivors with liberators.

The ceremony was dedicated to "the memory of those without graves."

Church seeks ban on Jews

SYDNEY, Australia — Jewish and Christian leaders here have expressed outrage at a proposal by Papua New Guinea's Council of Christian Churches to have the government ban all non-Christian religions.

A Council of Churches spokesman told Jewish sources in Australia that the proposal was directed mainly at Muslims and secondarily at Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons and Baha'is. However, the spokesman said it would also apply to Jews.

Papua New Guinea, an island north of Australia that gained independence in 1975, has a population of four million, of which 97 percent are Christians.

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Israeli 'godfather' killed

TEL AVIV — One of Israel's well-known crime bosses, Yechezkel Asalan, was shot to death outside a local restaurant in a gangland-style hit.

The 44-year-old former "godfather" was sitting in his BMW car outside the Mazal Dagim (Pisces) restaurant in central Tel Aviv when a masked man drove past him at high speed and fired three to five shots at Asalan and sped away.

Asalan was generally regarded to have given up the world of crime in recent years to conduct legitimate business, mostly running restaurants in Israel and in Antwerp.

But he had been listed in the past by police as being one of the top 11 leaders of organized crime in Israel.

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Johannesburg synagogue

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's first and only Conservative synagogue opened in Johannesburg last month. The shul, named Ohev Shalom, is led by an American Conservative rabbi, Dr. Nissim Wernick.

At present, about three-quarters of South African Jews belong to the Orthodox movement, with the remainder Reform, independent or unaffiliated. The new synagogue is expected to draw flak from mainstream Jews because of Orthodoxy's historical hegemony over South African Jewry.

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Jews stay in Germany

BONN — Most Jews from the former Soviet Union who immigrated to Germany during the past few years plan to stay there, according to a poll taken by the Moses Mendelssohn Institute in Potsdam.

Although 90 percent of the immigrants polled said they were concerned about the recent wave of right-wing extremism and neo-Nazi violence in Germany, only 12.5 percent said they would consider the possibility of returning to their former countries or moving to a third country like Israel.

The institute, a centre of Jewish studies, said the study clearly showed that the foundation of an enlarged Jewish community in Germany was emerging. At present, there are an estimated 30,000 Jews in the country.

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Computer pioneer dies

NEW YORK — Mathematician and computer pioneer Chaim Pekeris, a founding member of the Weizmann Institute and an early science adviser to the Israel Defence Force, has died in Rehovot, Israel. He was 84 and had suffered a stroke a few days before his death.

The Israeli scientific leader was born in Lithuania. After completing a doctorate at MIT, he worked at Cambridge University, Columbia University and the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, concentrating on theoretical meteorology, seismography and sonar detection. After World War II, while still in the United States, Pekeris procured arms for the Haganah.

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Ghetto M.D. dies

NEW YORK — Dr. Adina Blady Szwajger, a pediatrician who treated the children of the Warsaw Ghetto, died Feb. 18 in Lodz, Poland. She was 75 years old.

Szwajger, who wrote an account of her experiences in the book *I Remember Nothing More: The Warsaw Children's Hospital and the Jewish Resistance*, died of pancreatic cancer.

She was buried in the Jewish cemetery in Warsaw.

Szwajger (pronounced Shveiger) fled the ghetto after the Nazis shut down the children's hospital. She was able to pass as a non-Jew with false identification papers and worked with the resistance until the war's end, hiding Jews in safe houses.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI WAYNE ALLEN

A Gentile once challenged Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai, the great scholar and leader of the Jewish community, to demonstrate why Judaism should be accepted when it is so irrational.

The ritual of the red heifer, pointed out the Gentile, bordered on witchcraft. The heifer was burned whole, its remains ground up and the ashes mixed with water and sprinkled on those who had come in contact with the dead in order to purify them.

Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai responded that every people has some ritual or practice that seems irrational. For this Gentile, the treatment for insanity required a similar ritual of burning certain herbs and sprinkling the afflicted with a mixture of ashes and water. Therefore, Judaism was no more irrational than any other system.

But Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai's students were not happy. While this may have been an appropriate response for the Gentile, it was not satisfying to them. Saying that Judaism is no less rational than other beliefs does not effectively endorse it.

Hence, to his students, Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai responded that there are some laws or practices in Judaism that defy explanation. They are statutes that simply test our faith and loyalty.

This approach to Judaism was articulated best by the 12th century C.E. Jewish philosopher Abraham ibn Daud who valued the irrational laws of Judaism more than those that sounded logical and reasonable. It is observance of those rules we find irrational and inexplicable that signals our faith.

The principle of implicit obedience obliges us to observe the law even though we may not understand its value. This echoes the teaching of both Sa'adia Gaon, who argued that those irrational laws are imposed upon us primarily so that we may be rewarded for obeying them, and of Bahya ibn Pakuda who calls the irrational laws "duties of the limbs," which test our intent and devotion to act without hesitation, in distinction to the rational laws which he calls "duties of the heart," which naturally compel our performance.

Underlying the entire discussion is the question of why would God make apparently irrational demands on human beings. And, consequently, why would human beings want to put their faith in an apparently irrational God. Judaism responds by saying that it is nothing short of presumptuous for anyone to believe that God's thinking can be understood and that His will must be adjudged logical by the creatures He created. It is the quality of inscrutability that defines God. Or, as one contemporary philosopher put it, "a God whom I could understand, I wouldn't want to believe in."

(Rabbi Wayne Allen serves Beth Tikvah Synagogue and is Vice-President of the Toronto Board of Rabbis.)

Court makes ruling on kosher food

NEW YORK (JTA) — The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to leave standing a New Jersey court ruling that voided the state's kosher food regulations has some in the Orthodox community concerned about the implications for kosher consumers in New Jersey and around the country.

The July 1992 decision by the New Jersey State Supreme Court ruled that the state's kosher food regulations involved an "entanglement" of government and religion and were thus unconstitutional.

The regulations defined kosher as food prepared according to Orthodox Jewish tradition which, despite general consensus within the Jewish community on many normative aspects of kashrut, can vary in nuance from one segment of the observant Jewish community to the next.

The Supreme Court decision could have national implications if any of the 22 other states with kosher regulations has them challenged on constitutional grounds.

But that is unlikely, said observers, because of the very specific wording of the New Jersey regulations and the more general phrasing of most other states' statutes — which leave the definition of kashrut to community consensus — and because of the higher standards of proof required to prosecute in other states.

In New York and Maryland, for example, prosecution for abrogating standards of kashrut requires proof of intent to sell non-kosher products, according to Marc Stern, legal director of the American Jewish Congress.

This "much higher standard of proof means that the state is not compelled to decide theological questions," said Stern.

New Jersey's Bureau of Kosher Enforcement is presently working to finish new regulations, which will require manufacturers and retailers to disclose their standards of kashrut observance, rather than require that they comply with one standard of kashrut or another.

The new regulations, which the bureau expects to publish within weeks, will require that the manufacturer or retailer disclose the standard by which they define "kosher" — whether the standard is that of a well-known rabbinic authority or their own interpretation of Jewish law.

The bureau will be able to prosecute retailers and manufacturers who sell products that do not live up to the standard to which they have committed.

Yakov Dombroff, chief of the bureau, would not comment on specifics of the new regulations. They will need passage by the state legislature, though Dombroff expects no opposition.

He admitted that the court decision makes it theoretically possible for a retailer who claims to be kosher to sell pork, for instance, if the retailer says he interprets kashrut not to exclude pig.

"But I find it difficult to believe that we'll be opening up a sub-industry of non-kosher 'kosher' food," he said.

"The state's role was never to get into halachic (Jewish legal) disputes. But if an item was not kosher and an entire industry saw it that way, we had power to prosecute. We have lost that power.

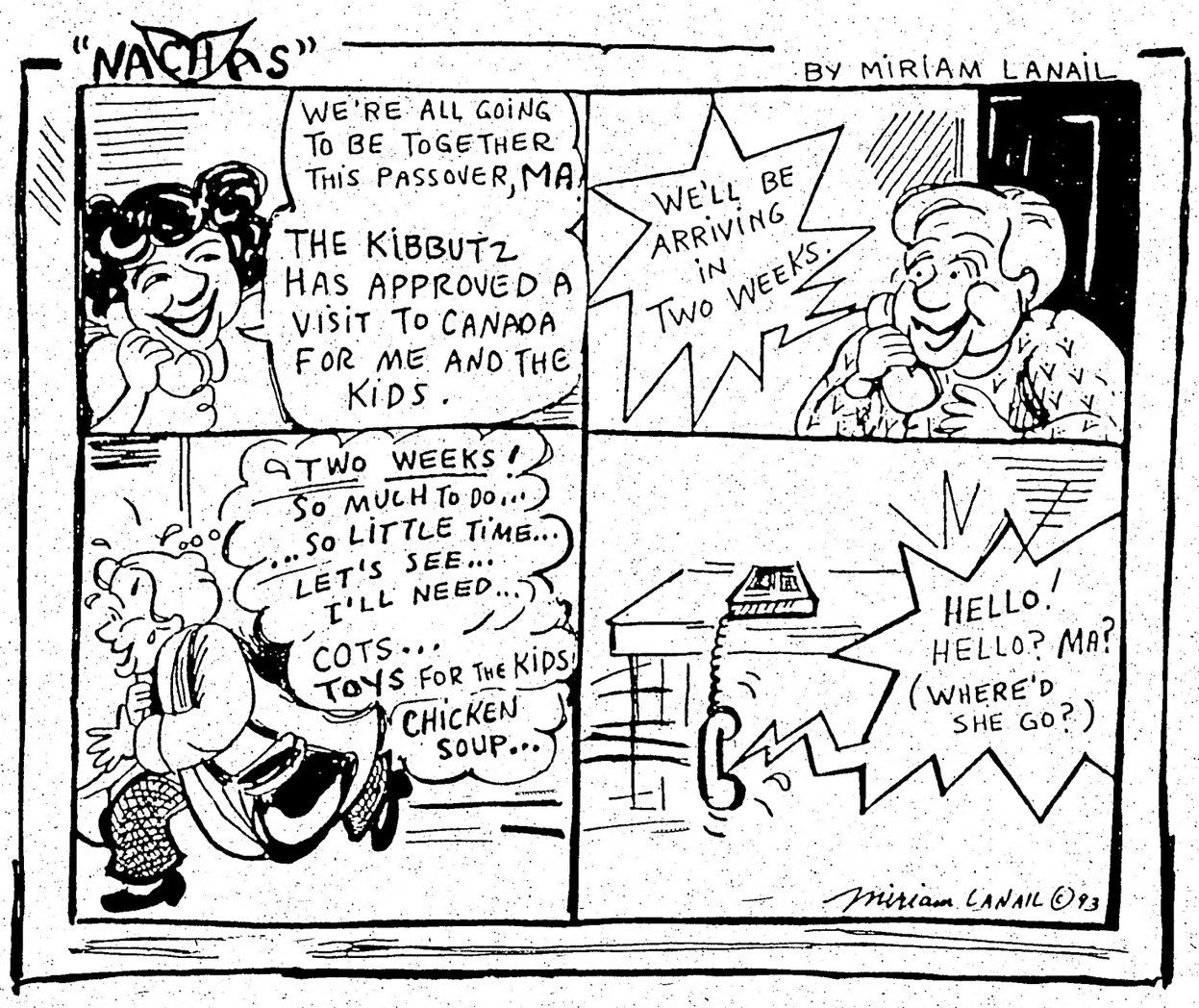
"Now we're not involved in religious dogma, but in supervision," he explained.

The new regulations will clearly require kosher consumers to be more knowledgeable about the supervision of the products they buy.

And that may be problematic, say advocates for the Orthodox community.

"There are many consumers who will not look beyond the fact that the word kosher is used, though it may be kosher only according to the views of the store owner's cousin," said Nathan Lewin, a Washington attorney who represented the Orthodox community through the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, known as COLPA.

"People who are very sophisticated know that you have to ask who the rabbi is behind it (the kashrut certification), but others assume that you can't misrepresent it," he said.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Front Line

Christopher comes away satisfied from Mideast visit

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

When Warren Christopher, the new U.S. Secretary of State, returned home from his first visit to the Middle East, he had good reasons to feel satisfied. He had long sessions with all the parties to the conflict and even a glimpse from the air at the harsh geography of the conflict. Accompanied by the best available experts on the Middle East drafted from both the old and new administrations and by a squadron of American journalists who had made similar shuttles many times before, he was exposed to the full complexity of the mideastern imbroglio and learned a lot.

While the broader scope of the visit was familiarization with issues and personalities, the more immediate task was to secure the reopening of the peace-talks, after more than two months of interruption and loss of steam. From his and Israel's point of view, the visit served both objectives better than expected. The atmosphere at the meetings here was factual and candid. After Christopher's departure it became clear that the Palestinians had merely played the role of the party difficult to get by holding back their reply, while the other Arab partners had already agreed to go to Washington. The PLO's declared position — that the Hamas deportees be returned first — was never regarded as the real obstacle, but as a political argument to be settled in a compromise. The PLO does not care much about the wellbeing of their archrivals in the territories. What mattered to them more, was the opportunity to be seen instrumental in obtaining from Israel, via the United States, a series of facilities for the inhabitants of these territories, in return for their participation. They got some promises which are likely to materialize once the peace-talks are renewed. The issue of the deportees too will be out of the way sooner than initially planned. Finally, at Christopher's meeting with the Russian foreign minister in Geneva, the further co-operation of the two official "co-sponsors" of a Mideastern settlement was secured and invitations to all the parties to attend the re-opening of the talks in Washington by mid-April were to be sent.

Yeshayahu Anug

The secretary's visit to Syria was an important stop in his tour. He took note of President Assad's declared intention to turn a page in his country's warfare with Israel and most particularly in his relationship with the United States. That Assad wants the whole of the Golan returned to Syrian sovereignty, is not new. Less defined still, is the nature of peace Assad offers in exchange and what convincing security arrangements in the area itself could fortify an agreement and be acceptable to all sides. But progress was made on all these points, though no details were disclosed. Given the political difficulties in both Syria and Israel, it is early to guess whether the time is ripe for a full settlement of the Golan issue or what temporary arrangements can be possibly worked out for the Heights, that could gradually evolve into a solid peace.

This is obviously the hottest issue in Israel now and it was shown to Christopher by demonstrations of angry Golan settlers, which failed to mobilize the massive popular support for which they had hoped. During Christopher's visit, the Deputy Chief of Staff, General Amnon Shahak, one of Israel's most dedicated and straight-forward soldiers, was asked by foreign journalists, if he could envisage a situation in which Israel would be safe without the Golan, if security arrangements there would be guaranteed by the United States and others. His reply was that this could well be the case, as otherwise there was no hope for peace. The statement was not regarded as a slip of the tongue and, not surprisingly, hell broke loose in opposition circles. Some Knesset members even demanded that the general be fired. Politicians who support the government were also embarrassed by the officer's statement.

A cool evaluation of the incident, which had broken a taboo, leads to the conclusion that while Shahak may have been too straight forward, he has merely expressed a professional opinion, namely that the Israeli army will have to handle the security problems created by any government decision, which is what is to be expected from an army. The demands for his resignation remained but Rabin expressed full confidence in Shahak who is, by the way, in line to replace, some day, the present Chief of Staff. But the incident highlighted the divisive feelings in the country, that if full peace is at all obtainable, it will have to be bought by painful concessions. Nothing new, but a reality which the opposition on the right refuses to grasp and is very reluctant to accept. The Likud keeps saying that, if it were the government, it could bring about peace without territorial concessions whatsoever. Good for true believers. While it has still to be proven that concessions possibly made by Labor will bring real peace, the declared Likud formula of "peace for peace" is utter nonsense.

We are still far from a serious internal confrontation over the price of peace. How Israel's public will react if crucial decisions have to be made, will depend on how the peace talks, once resumed, will progress and on the skill and fortunes of Rabin's personal leadership during the months to come. At the moment his government does not look too solid, if only because of the unreliability of the Shass participation. Some of that party's leaders are under police investigation for suspected financial misconduct. Imaginative observers speculate that Labor is now waiting for the outcome of the crisis in the Likud, which is to elect its new leader, that is, if the primaries are held by the end of the month and will not be postponed. Regardless of whether Binyamin Netanyahu or Benni Begin win the race, the ambitious David Levi is to be an angry loser. If so, some observers think, he and his faithful could split the party and even be brought into the government. It is difficult to evaluate such longwinded construction — but Israeli politics are known for their volatility. Such a development would make the participation of Shass expendable or at least less costly to the taxpayer.

In any case, it is hard to believe that the present coalition, with its rather poor record, will command enough authority and support for crucial decisions. Even in the ranks of Rabin's own party there are differences. But nothing is more successful than success. Rabin who is on the right track in his conduct of the peace process, recognizes now that he had been too hesitant to prepare the public for the real costs of a peace settlement. This is now changing. After the Christopher visit and before his important meeting with President Clinton this week in Washington, he speaks optimistically of 1993 as the year that could end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

No Jewish family's immune to world's secular currents

By WENDY EISEN

In recent months, many articles have been written about an issue on the Jewish agenda that is causing great anxiety among the adult population — that of continuity. For over three millennia of history, we have been a people, nurtured by Jewish values and traditions through an evolving religious civilization. Our precious legacy has been preserved despite myriad attempts to obliterate it through anti-Semitism, dispersion and annihilation.

Exiled to all corners of the globe, we preserved and renewed our ancient faith. While we contributed our intellectual and spiritual writings to the development of Western society, we never forgot who we were. With an ardent sense of responsibility and pride, we transmitted the richness of our Jewish culture to the next generation. There is a deep concern that today we stand to lose our identity. Rarely have the links forming the chain of Jewish tradition been so tenuous.

Why are young Jews abandoning their heritage in record numbers? The answer is that times have changed. Jews have won acceptance by the non-Jewish world. On university campuses, many Jewish students are exposed, for the first time, to a wide variety of choices. Humanitarian-oriented associations, scholarly societies and sports and social activities rank higher in importance to most students than organizations concerned with Jewish causes.

It is important, too, to understand that Israel doesn't hold the same emotional appeal to this generation of young people as it does for their parents, many of whom remember, with clarity, life for Jews before 1948. To the younger generation, 1967 is a date in history. Even if they were born before 1973, they were too young to recognize that the Yom Kippur War posed a serious threat, not only to the State of Israel but to the entire Jewish people.

We should not expect our children to inherit our love of Israel or to acquire a commitment to Jewish values through osmosis. They must have their own intense and meaningful experiences. They must create their own Jewish memories.

In an attempt to address the growing problem of Jewish apathy among young people, the Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Federations and the United Israel Appeal are co-sponsoring a mission to Poland and Israel specifically for Canadian university students. From May 5-20, through a 'hands-on' experience, 100 young people will have the opportunity to fully understand both the 'anguish' suffered by Jews in the death camps in Nazi-occupied Poland and the 'hope' of a promising future in our Jewish homeland.

The Anguish to Hope mission will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the 45th Anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel. Included in this educational experience will be briefings and face-to-face dialogue with their Polish and Israeli student counterparts. The impact of a Jewish experience of this dimension is profound.

Living as we do within a 'global village,' there is not a single Jewish family who is immune to the secular currents of world culture. Anguish to Hope is for our children. It is an investment in the perpetuation of a heritage that many ultimately affect the survival of our families as Jews.

The cost of the mission is $2,795. It includes round-trip transportation, accommodation and three meals per day. Scholarships are available for students in need. Extensions are possible for those who wish to remain longer in Israel.

For further information, call your campus office, your local Federation or Canadian Jewish Congress at (514) 931-7531.

(Wendy R. Eisen is co-chair of the CJC national education and continuity committee).

Jews have good reason to ignore Purim's horoscopes

By ALLAN GOULD

Do you check your daily horoscope in various newspapers? If you do, you are actually in the tradition of most Jewish thinkers throughout the Middle Ages. Which is interesting, because there is no end of attacks on the concept, from the Torah onward.

"Neither shall ye practice divination nor soothsaying," we see in Leviticus 19:26. "Thus said the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and Be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them" can be found in Jeremiah 10:2. "Away with your astrology; for Israel there is no planet!" G-d tells Abraham in Talmud Shabbat 156a. "Torah cannot go together with the art that studies the heavens," proclaimed Samuel of Babylonia, in Dueteronomy Rabbah, viii, 6.

And let's not forget my own personal favorite from one of the few Jewish philosophers of his era who felt this way, Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon, a.k.a. Maimonides:

"Astrology is a disease, not a science — a tree under the shadow of which all sorts of superstitions thrive, and which must be uprooted in order to give way to the tree of knowledge and the tree of life." (From his *Letter to the Men of Marseilles*)

Yet don't Jews still say "Mazel Tov!" when they congratulate someone on passing an exam, or maybe a kidney stone? It means "good star," of course, and is a remnant of ancient astrological belief.

But even if Jews aren't supposed to believe in astrology, we have been told in *Pirke Rabbi Elezer*, Chapter 1 that "Haman regulated the time for the extinction of the Jews by means of astrological calculations." Which is probably for the best, when we consider the following, amazing archaeological discovery which you've read so much about, perhaps the most thrilling breakthrough since the Wounded Lake Scrolls: THE ACTUAL HORROSCOPES OF THE PEOPLE OF PERSIA FOR THE YEAR OF THE EVENTS WE CELEBRATE ON PURIM!!

Allan Gould

Here is what I have been able to uncover:

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19 and the sign of Haman): Mate has some workable ideas. You will learn a valuable lesson. What appears to be an obstacle is actually a healthy challenge. Cycle is such that circumstances turn in your favor. You can now afford to be independent in thought, action. You are creative and humorous. Rejoice in the affection of the masses. Combine forces with one who appears to hold opposing views. The wife of the boss can be helpful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Document found stained beyond repair. Words run together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Smudged terribly. Legibility smells.

AIRES (March 21-April 19): Document unfortunately torn and shredded.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Prediction for month, along with major statement on astrology, tragically damaged, possibly by waste material of an animal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The signs of both Bigtan and Teresh, the two plotting chamberlains. Spotlight is on career, ultimate aspiration. Involvement in clandestine meeting may be off the agenda. Have no fear of outsiders; joint effort is now likely to succeed. Relationship with boss is at new high.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Sign of Vashti, first wife of Ahashverus. Be at no man's beck and call! Your mate can be relied on. One responsible for pressure is due to relent. Make future plans. Have a party, but feel free to go off and be alone. No need to lose your head.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Sign of Mordecai. Superior wants assurance that you are not petty or vindictive. Demonstrate loyalty and bow to his demands. No advancement in sight, so lie low and let others take initiative. A Virgo will reject your advice, so why should you waste your time giving it?

VIRGO (August 23-Sept. 22): Sign of Esther. Relatives no help. Avoid contests; you'll only be disappointed. A friend can be found in Capricorn. Accept word of spouse and his advisors. You long for peace and quiet, and you'll have lots.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sign of Ahasverus. Stick by your decisions! Listen carefully to a Capricorn! This is not the time to break your word! Your position may be low, but your home life is truly stable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sign of Zeresh, Haman's wife. A Leo shall bring you joy! Your husband and children will be ecstatic, if they will only hang together. Advise your spouse — it can only do him good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Document pierced with holes; unreadable.

Now, aren't you glad that Haman used astrology so carefully?

Allan Gould is the author of 18 books, including WHAT DID THEY THINK OF THE JEWS *and* THE GREAT BIG BOOK OF CANADIAN HUMOR. *He truly feels that anyone who believes in astrology must have his or her head in the stars.*

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Not tough enough

The Law Society Of Upper Canada (hereafter referred to as LSOUC) has issued a 37-page document concerning allegations that Douglas Christie, the lawyer who defended Ernst Zundel and Imre Finta, has been guilty of professional misconduct or conduct unbecoming a barrister and solicitor.

The LSOUC examined charges that Christie had accused a judge of bias, had breached the rules relating to jury address by inviting the jury to ignore the law, and had, in a speech on March 29, 1990, criticized the administration of justice and allegedly made anti-Semitic statements.

In its survey of the allegations against Christie, the three-person committee which signed the report faulted the B.C. solicitor in the first matter for "exceedingly poor judgment" and "bad advocacy." With regard to Christie's address to the Finta jury, the LSOUC document quotes the Court of Appeal description of Christie's use of a New Testament text as "inappropriate in the extreme" and in "hindsight singularly inappropriate."

With regard to Christie's 1990 speech at the Latvian Hall and the allegations of anti-Semitic comments, the report finds a parallel between Christie's statements about the Finta trial and his jury address and asserts that Christie "shamelessly and improperly distinguished between Jewish eyewitnesses, most of whom affirmed before giving evidence, and jurors who swore on the Bible upon taking their oath."

Having ventilated the allegations against Christie, the LSOUC report declined to issue a complaint on the grounds that the issuance of such a complaint would require a hearing during which Christie would have an opportunity to asperse the integrity of the judge whom he accused of bias.

Christie's comments at the Latvian Hall meeting and the jury address at the Finta trial "clearly disclose," says the LSOUC report, "that he crossed the line separating counsel from client: he has made common cause with a small, lunatic, anti-Semitic fringe elements in our society." While declining to direct a complaint issue, the chair of discipline of the LSOUC indicates that the report's decision does not preclude him from examining the facts stated in the report "if and when Christie seeks another temporary call to the Ontario Bar."

The reasons offered by the LSOUC for not proceeding to a hearing on the Christie case are unpersuasive. The concern that Christie would use such a hearing to advertise his own beliefs is legitimate; it is not sufficient, however, to deter issuing a complaint against him based on the compelling evidence which the LSOUC has compiled in its own report. By administering what is no more than a polite slap on the wrists, the LSOUC risks leaving the impression that Christie's brand of advocacy lies within the corridor of acceptable legal practice.

That impression can only be corrected "if and when" Christie asks for a temporary call by Convocation to the Ontario Bar in order to defend a client. At that time the LSOUC would do well to open the dossier found in this report.

Recognizing Yiddish

Harvard, America's pre-eminent university, has established a chair in the lamentably neglected field of Yiddish literature, and its first occupant is a Canadian.

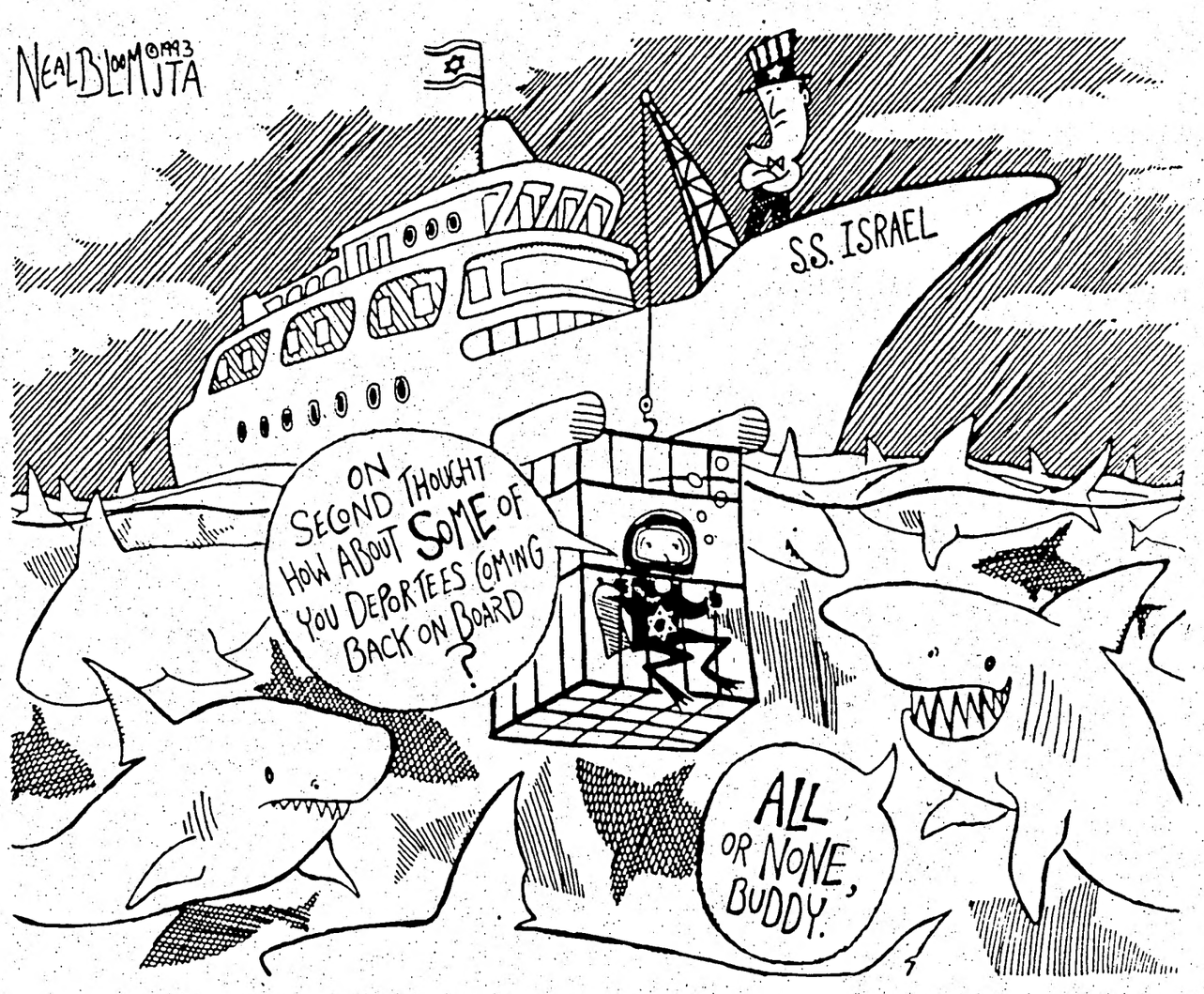
Yiddish — the lingua franca of East European Jewry in the era before the Holocaust and the link which connected legions of Jewish immigrants in Israel and in the Diaspora — is a rich, earthy and expressive language. Yiddish has spawned great writers, running the gamut from Sholem Aleichem to Isaac Bashevis Singer, and inspired some of the best-loved works of the stage and screen.

But regrettably, Yiddish has fallen on hard times since the end of World War II. In Canada and the United States, English has supplanted Yiddish, and in Israel, Yiddish has been usurped by Hebrew.

The establishment of a chair in Yiddish at Harvard will not alter the disadvantaged position of Yiddish in the waning years of the 20th century. Never again will Yiddish attain the grassroots appeal it enjoyed when, for example, the legendary Abraham Cahan (1860-1951), was at the helm of the New York-based, mass-circulation *Jewish Daily Forward*. Neverthless, there has been a modest revival of Yiddish of late, especially in the groves of academia, and Harvard's recognition of this development is most encouraging.

The chair, which is funded by Martin Peretz, editor of the *New Republic*, will be filled by Ruth Wisse, a distinguished authority who, until recently, taught at McGill, and who, incidentally, was formerly a *Canadian Jewish News* columnist. This semester, she will offer two courses in Yiddish literature, and next semester, her course load will include classes in introductory Yiddish language. In the fullness of time, she will oversee a graduate program in Yiddish.

Harvard is to be congratulated for having paid due, though belated, recognition to Yiddish.



Letters to the Editor

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MEN WERE THERE TOO

I wish to congratulate the organizers of the recent conference on "Jewish Women's Voices" (OISE Feb. 19-21). The keynote speeches were impactful and informative, as were the workshops.

As one of seven men in attendance, I must also express my disappointment that no acknowledgement of us was ever made. Whereas the "women" and "sisters" were welcomed repeatedly, no mention of men was forthcoming, even after I protested to one of the main organizers.

Inasmuch as men were invited, it would have been polite, at the very least, to welcome us. I also can't help but wonder whether this was a political statement.

I would sincerely hope that such an oversight be corrected at future conferences.

Richard Bassett
Toronto

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THE COCKNEY CONNECTION

I enjoyed reading Rabbi Gunther Plaut's column on the origin of the name "Holy Blossom."

Since there is a biblical source that translates into "early blossoms" and since the leading members of the congregation were English (and Australian) Jews — the Samuels, Benyamins, etc. — perhaps there was a Cockney-like tendency to confuse the aspirate and non-aspirate "h." Could not the pronunciation of "early" be eroded to "eahly" and eventually to 'Oly' or Holy Blossom(s) with a tendency to folk etymology?

Just a speculation.

G.B. Kaye
Toronto

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ISRAEL IS ANSWER

Mordecai Richler says he sees no future in Quebec for the anglophone community (*CJN*, Feb. 12), not because they are Jews but are English speaking.

The Association of Young Jewish Adults encourage their members not to leave. Richler thinks that his audience agreed privately that anti-Semitism is so rampant but they had to disagree publicly, to prove that they are loyal Quebecers.

If somebody is not anti-Semitic he regards a Jew as a guest, and maybe he treats him well. The Arabs, all of them, treat their guests well. It is a religious must. And they declare that they will treat the Jews well as soon as they will give up the idea of a Jewish sovereignty. If the Jewish state will become Arabic, they will treat the Jews well.

The point is that we have been guests in every country in the world for thousands of years and we overstayed our welcome, and got kicked out.

Neither Richler, nor the AYJC, nor *The CJN*, nor the young Jewish Quebecers, have the idea to go to our own country, Israel, for a change. The country built by refugees, who left their belongings behind, and built it for us, for you and me, to go there, to stand on our own feet, to help in the fight for our own country, instead of fighting for the right to be a guest, in the country of birth.

Simon Gemeiner
Toronto

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QUESTIONS POLLARD DECISION

Recent efforts by such notables as Rabbi Reuben Poupko and Thomas Hecht to urge the release of Jonathan Pollard on legal and humanitarian grounds puzzle me exceedingly. Obviously a fundamental duty of Jewish organizations such as Canadian Jewish Congress or the Canada-Israel Committee is to fight for Jewish rights and justice throughout the world. Compassion, moreover, is certainly, if sensibly directed, a basic Jewish value. In the case of Pollard, however, I ask first, what evidence do we have to substantiate the view that injustice was perpetrated? Was not Pollard as an American citizen arrested, tried and found guilty for spying on the United States by due legal process?

Poupko and Hecht argue that on compassionate grounds Pollard must be released since confinement is affecting Pollard's mental and physical health. Do our prestigious leaders think that incarceration produces any other effect? Would these men prefer that criminals be sent to health farms rather than to prisons? Above all, if Poupko and Hecht are so concerned with the inhumanity to Pollard, why are they not as concerned with the plight of Mordechai Vanunu whose mental and physical health must be as affected by his sojourn in an Israeli penitentiary as Pollard's in an American one?

Of course, my question is rhetorical. The answer is obvious. While Vanunu spied against Israel, Pollard spied against the United States. My conclusion is simple. Poupko and Hecht subscribe to the belief, increasingly popular amongst the highly vociferous Jewish religious and political right, that a criminal act on Israel's behalf is not really a criminal act. On the contrary, I suspect that, although Poupko and Hecht try to play this factor down by pointing out that Pollard does not wish to be regarded as heroic, they implicitly regard him as a hero and martyr to Israel's cause.

L. J. Sanders
Concordia University
Montreal

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ALWAYS ON SUNDAY

I had the greatest pleasure to work on a JNF Tu b'Shevat Special Sunday telethon. I always love to work on telethons, and volunteer for Jewish causes. This one inspired me more because of the 25th anniversary of the Reunification of Jerusalem.

It took a few days, including Sunday, to make me a successful volunteer. I sold 80 trees due to my hard sell. I just loved everyday and hours of it. The compliments I received were great. It is Israel we do it for.

I hope that everyone works hard to do their very best because Israel needs us.

Please help us to achieve this by giving to JNF and United Israel Appeal, whenever a canvasser calls just give from the heart.

I hope we can do our best in Canada.

Esther Meyer
Calgary

Opinion

Despite their isolation Japanese similar to Jews

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Some years ago I became acquainted with a prominent Japanese who had converted to Judaism and was convinced that our religion had a great future in his country. That was shortly after World WarII, when the Japanese were struggling to redefine their identity.

But Jews were not ready to give any missionary attempt their attention. The State of Israel had come into existence and the after-effects of the Holocaust had to be dealt with both practically and psychologically. Making inroads for Judaism in Japan was not on the Jewish agenda.

Today hardly any of our people live permanently, or even for any considerable length of time, in the Land of the Rising Sun. There is a congregation in Tokyo, and one in Kobe that serves Western Japan. Europeans form the bulk of worshippers; native Japanese are hardly in evidence.

We were all understandably puzzled when we read recently that anti-Semitic books proliferated in Japan and that anti-Jewish prejudice was rife in a country that barely knew any living Jews.

I was therefore interested when reading an article by William Goetzler, who is a member of the Kobe congregation. He works for a Japanese manufacturer in Osaka and has a master's degree from Sanford and a bachelor's degree from MIT. His article occupies a double-page spread in the February 10th issue of the *National Jewish Post and Opinion*.

Rabbi Plaut

Kobe has a small synagogue, built some 20 years ago, and accommodates up to 100-150 people. The congregants are largely from Syria and other Middle Eastern countries. Their ritual is Sephardi. On Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Pesach, attendance reaches a maximum of 80. The North American Jews in the congregation are, like Goetzler, temporary residents only.

Turning to the puzzling issue of anti-Semitism, the writer tells us that knowledge of Jews is very sparse in Japan, but that there is a general feeling that Jews — unknown though they are — are both smart and rich. When Goetzler tells a Japanese that he is Jewish the response is almost always "You must be very rich." The author therefore suggests that, since the Japanese are much impressed with financial success, the ascription of wealth to Jews is in fact a compliment, in the same way that they are believed to be very smart.

Goetzler tried repeatedly to convince his Japanese acquaintances with the real facts of Jewish life, but he had very little success. Though many had read the *Diary of Anne Frank*, they knew next to nothing about the Holocaust. Goetzler surmises that because the Holocaust was a slaughter of civilians, it is a subject which the Japanese do not like to discuss, for it might bring up their own excesses in China during World WarII.

It is true, though, that anti-Semitic books have a fair readership and that such titles as *The Jewish Connection* and *If You Understand Jews You Understand the World*, are widely read. Why? Because along with these books goes the belief that Jews have a mysterious power which derives from their wealth and cleverness, a power which has made them movers and shakers of many events.

Thus, when former Prime Minister Tanaka was involved in a bribery scandal which forced him eventually to resign, many people believed that this was probably instigated by Jews. When Goetzler suggested to acquaintances that Tanaka fell from power because of his corruption, he received the following reply: "Many politicians take bribes but only Tanaka was caught — so there must be other factors involved."

Aside from this, Goetzler does see parallels between Jewish and Japanese self-perceptions. Jews have a great deal of concern for their own security and, often they have been accused of harboring a "Masada complex." The Japanese, despite their great industrial and commercial success, see themselves in a similar fashion, and amongst them the "Shimaguni (island country) complex" is comparable to the well known Jewish sense of feeling isolated and surrounded.

Goetzler's conclusion reads as follows: "Perhaps the Japanese respect Jews; perhaps they resent Jews. Clearly, they misunderstand and oversimplify the Jewish community. Most Japanese people have never met a Jew. Perhaps changing that fact is the only way to overcome their narrow-minded and potentially dangerous attitudes towards Jews."

Correction: *A glitch occurred in my last column, which dealt with Sephardim and Ashkenazim. The name Ashkenaz occurs not just once but three times in the Tanakh: in Genesis 10:3, Jeremiah 51:27, and I Chronicles 1:6. I should also add that most likely this referred to a place in Asia Minor. The connection with Germany was made later.*

Prize winner has the message but little feeling

By ARNOLD AGES

I was somewhat surprised recently when Israel's curmudgeon-in-residence, Yeshayahu Leibowitz, turned down the prestigious Israel Prize. The surprise came from his reason for not accepting it. "I don't want to embarrass the prime minister," he said.

This is probably the first time that Leibowitz has expressed concern about any embarrassment he might cause others. This uncharacterisitic concern for others has never surfaced, to my best knowledge, in the past, as he has bulldozed pathways across Israel's intellectual byways, oblivious both to the sensibilities of others and to their often cogent arguments.

Perhaps that is the way of prophets, and many in Israeli society (and in the Diaspora) see him precisely in that light because of the rigorousness of his ethical view of life and his uncanny ability to predict the course of modern Israel since the War of 1967. Leibowitz's warnings that Israel's occupation of the territories acquired in that year would engender endless strife and sap the moral foundation of Israel are seen by his supporters to have been actualized.

Leibowitz's fame or notoriety, depending on your prespective, is also derived from the sledgehammer effect of his prose and the boldness of his rhetoric. No wallflower he, Leibowitz has referred to the "Judaeo-Nazi state," and has urged Israeli soldiers on at least one occasion to burn the Israeli flag. Just recently he compared undercover Israeli operatives to Hamas terrorists. Never unidimensional in his criticism, Leibowitz has also had some very unprintable things to say about Israel's religious political parties.

Arnold Ages

A remarkable intellect, Leibowitz straddles many disciplines and holds numerous higher academic degrees. At age 90 he can boast of a career as a professor of chemistry at the Hebrew University and as editor of the great *Hebrew Encyclopedia*, one of the most prodigious works of scholarship in this century. He is also an accomplished Talmudist, an expert on Maimonides and a Bible scholar. His radio talks on the weekly Torah portion have been published under the title *He'arot Le-Parshiyot Hashavua* and are widely acclaimed.

While Leibowitz is well known in Israel and abroad because of his audacious political positions, his views on Judaism are less well advertised because until recently most of his published works have appeared in Hebrew only. An audit of those views reveals a doctrine about Judaism that is provocative and disquieting at the same time.

For him, Judaism consists of the worship of God through the mitzvot, as they are codified in the rabbinic tradition. Judaism, therefore, cannot be subordinated to any human institution or moral enterprise. Jewish law as derived from the Bible and the Talmud is to be accepted categorically. Rational attempts to explain the mitzvot, moreover, are impermissible because they suggest that reason is the supreme authority. One accepts the Torah, period.

Ethics, politics and statehood, in his perspective, have nothing to do with Judaism and anyone who ascribes sacredness to Israel or any other political entity is engaged in idol worship. "I do not expect our state to be a light to the nations," he writes. "It is no light even to the people of Israel, who walk in darkness."

Leibowitz regards the inclusion of religious parties into the political life of Israel as an unmitigated disaster because it has made religion an obsequitous servant of the state. He asserts that religion in Israel should have only one aim, "to check the influence of political values and to restrain patriotism and nationalistic enthusiasm," because "religion forbids regard for state and nation as absolute values."

Why is Leibowitz — so bitterly opposed to the idea of the state in this case Israel — promoting Judaism? Because, he says, religion can never be integrated into the machinery of government. The state in itself has no intrinsic religious value and in the Torah, he notes, the greatest conquerors and promoters of Jewish statehood received the least coverage.

Leibowitz's Calvinist version of Judaism, as several critics have noted, resembles in no way the traditional understanding of the Jewish faith except perhaps the emphasis on the observance of the mitzvot. Some Israelis have said, moreover, that if Leibowitz's interpretation of Judaism is correct, then they are happy to be unbelievers.

The relentless attack which Leibowitz has conducted against the idolization of the state has some merit since political chauvinism can sometimes lead to disastrous ends. But Leibowitz seems oblivious to the inspiration which Israel as Jewish state has provided to millions of Jews everywhere. It is the Jewish state, moreover, which has provided life, sustenance and spiritual values in recent years to hundreds and thousands of Jews from Russia, Ethiopia and this year from the former Yugoslavia. Without the apparatus of a state this rescue operation would have been impossible.

The prophets of Israel criticized the Jewish people because they wanted them to be better. Sometimes the criticism is couched in very strong language, but behind the harsh words the prophets also projected feelings of love for the people. That dimension appears to be absent in Yeshayahu Leibowitz.

Jewish women finally create forums to address issues

By ELAINE KAHN

About ten years ago, Toronto appeared to witness a flourishing of interest in Jewish feminism. We had our first vocally feminist woman rabbi and organizations were inviting prominent feminists to speak — Blu Greenberg, Norma Joseph, Rela Geffen Monson, Susannah Heschel.

I worried this would be a blip here, a curiosity to see what all the fuss was about, which, once done, would leave no mark.

And, in the main, I was right. When speaking to groups on Jewish feminism in the intervening years, I've often been made to feel less relevant than if I'd spoken on that staple of the Jewish women's group circuit, having one's colors done. No united grass roots effort for change developed (although the number of small, independent feminist groups grew).

But now there's evidence the situation may finally change. Jewish women in Toronto are meeting in large groups to discuss their issues, whether using the F-word ("feminist," of course) or not.

A 1992 Sukkot event for women, sponsored by the New Israel Fund of Canada (NIFC), has led to the formation of a Jewish feminist network (not connected with NIFC). Last month here, there were three women's events which drew some 900 women, with little overlap.

The first was sponsored by the Jewish Women's Federation (JWF), the umbrella for most of Toronto's mainstream Jewish women's groups. Heavily advertised, it was the most expensive of the three events and drew the smallest crowd — estimates vary from 225 to 300. I didn't attend. Friends who did gave it mixed reviews, with those just starting to explore women's issues rating it higher than those who know more.

The other two events were a Rosh Hodesh study and prayer day for women at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue (an Orthodox shul) and a two-day conference at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) that, though not specifically advertised as such, was for Jewish feminists. These two were closer to each other in spirit than organizers of either might want to acknowledge and I think that's because both of them had two elements the JWF event reportedly lacked: prayer sessions (though extremely different ones) and a heavy emphasis on study.

Elaine Kahn

The Shaarei Shomayim day drew about 200 women, from across the local Orthodox community, and was the least expensive of the three. It overlapped with one day of the OISE conference — rumor had it this was to keep Orthodox women away from the feminists downtown.

But actually, the OISE conference, the only one I attended, drew some Orthodox women. It drew women from every denomination and it drew secularists. There were women from seventeen to seventies — women with money and women without a dime to spare. And women of various sexual orientation (I think it took Orthodox women more guts than it took lesbians to be "out" there).

It drew 450 women, with two to three times that many turned away. Given this event was advertised mainly through word-of-mouth, the numbers become even more amazing.

The event was organized by an independent handful of Toronto Jewish feminists with a strong interest in Yiddish language, culture and history, the subject of many of the 50-odd workshops, panels, plenaries and entertainments. They deserve much thanks.

Whatever chaos may have existed in the planning (so what else is new?), the conference was flawlessly executed. Credit goes also to the participants — no one issue hijacked any particular session (although I understand a couple of sessions on Israel were very acrimonious) and the level of mutual respect and tolerance was high. Such lack of acrimony goes against all common wisdom about large conferences, especially those involving either Jews or feminists.

Much pride in being Jewish, and a Jewish woman, was generated, especially by women like Aviva Cantor, founder of *Lilith*, the Jewish feminist magazine. I think Cantor should be required on the speakers' calendar of every organization, to dispel the canard that Jewish feminists are ignorant of Jewish sources, lack Yiddishkeit and don't smile.

But Cantor said something that made me uncomfortable. Talking about why Jewish men marry non-Jewish women, she said that, after all, they're raised to believe non-Jewish women are "fun." This got a big laugh.

But I didn't feel good about this "joke" and, later, I felt uncomfortable when anyone made blanket attacks on the values of the essentially Christian culture we live in. Because, as respectful and inclusive as we all were at that conference, I realized there was one kind of Jewish woman we were forgetting to include: the convert.

I still haven't figured out how we as Jews, when together in any group, can get all our issues on the table, as we must, without, in this day of increased conversion and intermarriage, insulting those who have joined us by choice or insulting the parents of many of our children.

I'm less concerned about the latter, the intermarried — if you want Judaism to exist, you can't erase the line between "us" and "them." Outreach fine, overreach no.

But what about when "they" become "us"? Converts shouldn't be made to feel ashamed of their past and they can't suddenly develop a sense of shared history and culture. What they can do, and what most of them do do, is relate to Judaism as a faith.

So I'd like to see more emphasis on religious matters at such a conference. Not just because of the converts, but because, as a colleague of my husband recently put it, running our communities on "ethnic steam" is a losing proposition. Whether here or in Israel, it will take more than the necessary flavorings of lox and bagels, falafel and hummus, Jewish tennis clubs and Yom Kippur by the Galil, to sustain us.

Because I'm leaving Toronto this summer, I won't be around for our next Jewish feminist conference, unless I'm flown in to speak. But I'll be monitoring the scene through this paper and friends. I hope, ten years from now, this column will seem very outdated. I'm even starting to have faith that it might.

Features

Communism was inhospitable to Jews

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jewish communities in Eastern Europe, having been all but decimated by the Holocaust, were devastated by yet another blow in the wake of World War II.

Communism, with its promise of a new messanic age, was a great disappointment for Jews in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Poland, Bulgaria and East Germany.

Communists of Jewish descent played no small role in the triumph and consolidation of communism in Eastern Europe. Yet Communist governments were not, in general, kindly disposed to their Jewish citizens.

Until the collapse of these totalitarian regimes in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Jewish life in most places there was reduced to "synagogues, soup kitchens and cemeteries," Charles Hoffman observes in his masterful survey, *Gray Dawn* (Harper Collins, $33.50).

Jews, he writes pointedly, were allowed to "pray as Jews, eat as Jews and die as Jews." Yet cultural activities were vastly circumscribed, docile supporters of the regime were in charge of communal organizations, contact with Jews abroad was usually forbidden and Israel was routinely denounced.

Traumatized by the Holocaust and fearful of the Communist powers-that-be, many Jews emigrated. Those who stayed, particularly die-hard Communists, often tried to erase their past and raise their children as non-Jews.

Communist theory expected the Jews to wither away from a combination of emigration, indoctrination and assimilation. The theorists were only partly correct. Against all odds, Jewish life, albeit in a truncated form, survived communism.

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Under Soviet tutelage, Czechoslovakia fostered a climate inhospitable to Jews. The most spectacular postwar "show trials," which raised the spectre of an international Jewish conspiracy once again, began in Prague in 1952. Of 14 officials put on trial, 11 were Jewish, including the secretary-general of the Communist party, Rudolph Slansky.

Subsequently, the government paid lip service to the idea of preserving a measure of Jewish life in Czechoslovakia. It supported the State Jewish Museum and published a scholarly journal, *Judaica Bohemiae*. But Jews were denied access to the invaluable resources of the museum, which could have nourished the community, while almost all its employees were non-Jewish. What's more, articles in *Judaica Bohemiae* were in languages other than Czech, which made it infinitely harder for younger Jews without a proficiency in German, French, Russian and English to learn about Jewish history and culture.

The regime converted Nazi concentration camps and prisons into museums and shrines, but used them to legitimize Communist hegemony and to eliminate specific references to Jewish suffering in the Holocaust.

The community today, having deposed of its old, tainted leaders, is not defined by the personal religious beliefs or observances of its members, but by their shared belief in the importance of perpetuating Jewish culture.

Among Soviet satellite states, Hungary had an unsually high proportion of Jews in the Communist leadership. Matyas Rakosi, head of the Communist party, and Gabor Peter, chief of the secret police, were of Jewish origin.

But between 1948 and 1956, the years of their ascendancy, Zionist groups were abolished and their leaders arrested, while Jewish institutions were brought to heel. Nevertheless, a rabbinical seminary, the only one of its kind in the Eastern bloc, was tolerated.

In comparison to other East European countries, Hungary, with its "goulash communism," provided "a hospitable climate" for Jews after the 1956 revolution. Janos Kadar, the party boss, refrained from purging or scapegoating Jews. Still, considerable numbers of Jews preferred to submerge their Jewish identities.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Hungary played its "Jewish card." In return for loosening restrictions on the community and improving its heretofore chilly relations with Israel, Hungary received trade benefits and an infusion of technology and capital from the West, especially the United States. Hoffman says that the Canadian-born president of the World Jewish Congress, Edgar Bronfman, was instrumental in these changes.

Since the downfall of communism, the official Jewish population has swelled, as "hidden" Jews have come forward and identified themselves as Jews. Some have even been involved in the Jewish cultural revival. Hoffman cites Endre Rosza, the first chairman of the Jewish Cultural Federation.

Hoffman, who was formerly on the staff of the Jerusalem Post, estimates that the official figure of 80,000 understates the actual number of Jews by tens of thousands. Whatever the case, Hungary's Jewish population is by far the largest in Eastern Europe today.

The Hungarian community, though prospering, faces an upsurge of anti-Semitism, and Hoffman deals with this phenomenon. His analysis of Istvan Csurka, a prominent politician who has dabbled in anti-Semitism, is instructive.

Romania presents a paradoxical picture. Its Communist party was the most repressive in the East bloc, yet its Jewish community enjoyed unheard of privileges. For example: while Jewish schools in the rest of Eastern Europe were closed, those in Romania were allowed to function.

Rabbi Moses Rosen, chief rabbi of Romania, is credited with this achievement. Through courage, political skill and perseverance, Rabbi Rosen widened the horizons of his community, while winning the right of emigration. In exchange, he became Romania's "goodwill" ambassador — establishing close ties with, among others, the World Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League, and bringing Western trade benefits to Romania.

Yet Hoffman is critical of Rabbi Rosen's imperious style, which I witnessed at close range in Bucharest last year, and of his claim that he is responsible for the mass immigration of Romanian Jews to Israel.

Rabbi Moses Rosen

In Poland, home to Europe's biggest pre-war Jewish community, Hoffman found contradictory currents.

Anti-Semitism thrives, as in the past. Cemeteries have been vandalized, Jewish children have been beaten up at school and copies of *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* are sold openly. And, of course, there are agitators who blame Jews for having foisted communism on Poland.

But Hoffman credits non-Jews for being in the forefront of the movement to preserve the memory of Jewish culture in Poland. As he puts it: "In Poland today there are more non-Jews engaged in preserving the Jewish heritage than in any other Eastern European country."

Poles are working not only to save cemeteries and buildings, but to institutionalize Jewish studies at the university level. Jewish studies, he adds, are a "growth industry" in Polish academia.

Hoffman writes knowingly of the younger generation of Jews who, more often than not, discovered their Jewish identity in their teens, or later. Their passage to a positive affirmation of Jewishness was difficult, given the unflattering stereotypes of Jews still prevalent in Poland.

Hoffman's view of Pinhas Menachem Yoskowitz, the self-styled chief rabbi of Poland, is largely uncomplimentary. Rabbi Yoskowitz, an ultra-Orthodox Jew from Jerusalem who commutes back and forth from Warsaw, appears to believe that his first priority is not to help the members of the community, but to find "hidden" Jews, according to Hoffman. They are Jews who were given to Christians by their parents for safekeeping during the Holocaust and are apparently unaware of their true origins.

All over Eastern Europe, a succession of regimes either tried to suppress information about the involvement of Jews in pre-war Communist movements, or ignored, suppressed or distorted the fact that the Holocaust was aimed specifically at Jews.

But this was not the case in Bulgaria, where Jewish Communists never felt the necessity to replace their typical Sephardic surnames with Slavic names, and where the longtime chieftain of the Communist party, Todor Zhivkov, portrayed himself as a savior of Jews during World War II.

Yet even in Bulgaria, which had a Jewish population of 48,000 Jews until the early 1950s, the situation was far from ideal. While Bulgaria did not adopt anti-Semitism as official policy, Jews were systematically purged from high government positions toward the end of the Stalinist era, in 1956 and again in 1967, when they were under general suspicion in Communist nations of being "Zionist agents."

Jews were permitted to leave and, in fact, most settled in Israel after 1948. The remainder, some 5,000, were considered by the regime to be "Bulgarians of Jewish origin." Nevertheless, their Jewish activities were restricted. Books in Hebrew or about Jewish topics were removed from libraries. Jewish summer camps were disbanded. Passover and Rosh Hashannah were banned, but Chanukah and Purim were stripped of all religious meaning and pressed into the service of communism. Purim, for example, was reinterpreted as a "rebellion of the oppressed Jews against the monarch and his clique."

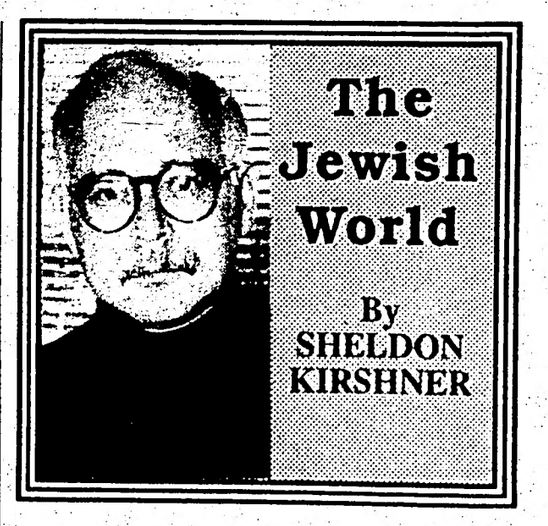
Since the demise of communism, the community has flourished. But, Hoffman notes, "the younger generation is walking out the door." Aliyah is on the upswing. In 1990 alone, about 1,000 Jews, most under 40, left Bulgaria for Israel.

In East Germany, the community consisted of older, assimilated and mainly intermarried German Jews (compared to mostly East European Jewish refugees in West Germany). Jewish Communists were purged from senior positions in the formative years of East Germany's existence. But after 1953, they were reinstated, and the tiny Jewish community there was treated with consideration, notwithstanding the usual restrictions and East Berlin's unrelenting animosity toward Israel.

After the Erich Honecker's ascendancy to power in 1971, there was a marked improvement in the government's attitude toward its professing Jewish inhabitants. It let the community open a communal library and start a youth group. It provided funds for a kosher butcher shop and an old-age home. It maintained several cemeteries. Furthermore, the government allocated money for the restoration of the only functioning synagogue in East Berlin.

East Germany did not pay reparations to Holocaust suvivors, but "victims of fascism" were accorded substantial privileges and extra pension rights.

The East German community is extinct today, having been swallowed up by West Germany following reunification in 1990. But, as I discovered on a trip to East Berlin last May, a lingering sense of separateness continues to pervade the community, even today.



The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yiddish has been dismissed for years, castigated as a "jargon" — a distortion of German — and knocked as a Babel of words appropriated from other languages.

In 1699, Johannes Wagenseil, a German academic, complained that practitioners of Yiddish had "mutilated [and] minced... German..."

During and after the Enlightenment, among German Jews, Yiddish became an ugly symbol for backwardness and an externalized object of self-hatred. In a self-righteous huff, the philosopher-cum-assimilationist Moses Mendelssohn wrote: "This jargon contributed no little to the immorality of the common Jews."

In the formative stage of Israel's statehood, Yiddish was unfavorably compared to Hebrew and ridiculed as a throwback to Diaspora life. In North America, Yiddish was figuratively locked away in a dark closet, allowed to gather dust, wither and fade away as the juggernaut of English emerged supreme.

Yet, as Benjamin Harshav writes in *The Meaning of Yiddish* (University of California Press, $24.95 U.S.), Yiddish is an enormously expressive and earthy tongue, with a rich literature, which still retains its role as a vessel and sentinel of Ashkenazi Jewish culture.

In this useful primer, Harshav — a professor of Hebrew and comparative literature at Yale University — traces the origins of Yiddish and describes its structure.

Citing scholar Max Weinreich, he claims that Yiddish arose about 1,000 years ago in the German cities of the middle Rhine. Being traders, and living in the interstices between nations, empires and cultures, Jews were exposed to a variety of languages — German and French, Czech and Polish, Ukrainian and Russian. So Yiddish, whose chief component is Middle High German, was like a sponge, absorbing and integrating new vocabulary. Yiddish drew on medieval German, particularly its spoken southern dialects. But Yiddish, Harshav notes, did not participate in the development of New High German, the precursor of modern German.

Yiddish, though dismissed, is enormously expressive

Yiddish, he adds, came into its own as the language of oral culture, and underwent an internal evolution, especially in Slavic Europe. According to Harshav, the German element in Yiddish is close enough to contemporary German to be recognized as such. In 1899, one prominent scholar, Leo Wiener of Harvard, claimed that Yiddish consisted of "70 percent German, 20 percent Hebrew and 10 percent Slavic." Harshav believes that the proportion of German-stock words is normally higher in everyday use.

But Hebrew, as Harshav goes on to argue, was crucially important in the formation of Yiddish, and continues to play a role in legitimizing Yiddish as a peculiarly Jewish mode of expression. As he puts it: "The Hebrew alphabet establishes a boundary around any Yiddish text and separates it clearly from German and any other non-Jewish language."

Hebrew suffixes, in combination with European root words, are numerous. Two examples will suffice: **DokTOYrim** has a German root (dokter) and a Hebrew plural suffix (im), while **naROnim** (fools) is derived from the German (narr) and contains an Aramaic/Hebrew suffix (onim).

The Slavic suffix "nik" is well entrenched in Yiddish (not to mention Hebrew and English slang). To wit: nudnik, kibbutznik and beatnik.

French, too, has influenced Yiddish. Compare, for example, kreplach with crepe.

Harshav's discussion of Yiddish dialects is instructive. As it spread across Europe, Yiddish developed two major forms: Western Yiddish, spoken by German Jews until the 19th century, and Eastern Yiddish, the mother of modern Yiddish literature, culture and education, the Yiddish of Sholem Aleichem and Isaac Bashevis Singer.

Eastern Yiddish and its variants are dying, having been dealt terrible blows by the Holocaust. We, as Jews, must act now to preserve Yiddish for future generations. We owe it to ourselves to save our *mamaloshen* from extinction.

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The winner and runner-up of the public speaking competition, ages 19-22 are (from left) Yehuda Poch, winner, and Avi Pollack, runner-up.

U of T student Poch wins public speaking contest

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Yehuda Poch, a 21-year-old University of Toronto student, and executive director of Jewish Action Initiative, placed first in the second annual Ontario-wide senior public speaking competition sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Poch, who spoke on Whether Territorial Concessions Are The Cornerstone To Successful Peace Negotiations, won a trip to Israel. First runner-up, Avi Pollock, 21, a joint MBA/law student at York University won a State of Israel Bond, second runner-up, Noa Mendelsohn, 20, a York University student won $100 and third runner-up, Jack Bensimon, 22, a University of Toronto student, won $54.

The recent competition, hosted by Beth Tzedec Synagogue Men's Club, was the final event in a series of preliminary heats and semi-finals that took place over five or six weeks. Judges in the finals were immigration lawyer Marshall Drukarsh; David Goldberg, director of research and education, Foundation for Middle East Studies; and Mordechai Ben-Dat, Ontario legal aid lawyer. The moderator was David Rotenberg, chair, Israel Affairs committee, Canadian Jewish Congress.

After the program, which consisted of a 20-minute speech by each contestant, a brief question and answer period and a discussion among the contestants, Rotenberg congratulated them all and said that if these four are typical of the young people coming into the community then "our future is in good hands."

Co-chairs of the event were Lynn Cutler and Annie Tencer.

Bar mitzvah boy helps kids

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Zachary Dubinsky is donating all the gifts from his bar mitzvah at Adath Israel Synagogue to provide computers for retarded and disabled children at Mevo'ot Hermon along the northern frontier of Israel.

The computers will be used to help the children communicate. Without them, these children would have to travel long distances from this community of a few hundred families to centres where they were available.

"Zachary is a computer addict himself," said his father, Dr. Isser Dubinsky, head of emergency medicine at North York General Hospital.

"We think Zachary picked a children's hospital to benefit because he is sensitive to the needs of children," Dubinsky said. Zachary's mother, Dr. Antoinette Wertman, is a family physician. There are three other children in the family, Sara, 10, Jessie, 7, and Mica, 3.

Zachary visited Israel once at the age of three, but he's going again this summmer with the whole family for 10 weeks.

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Israeli judge calls for deportees' return

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO— One of the three judges reviewing records of the 415 Hamas members deported from Israel called on the Israeli government in a Toronto speech to act quickly on the situation before Hamas gains more adherents in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Jonathan Livny, former chief military prosecutor for Israel's administered areas, and a member of the Labor party, said at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue that the speedy return of the deportees would prevent the situation from "festering.

"It is not that I don't think they (Hamas) are dangerous," he said. "They are fundamental Islamics who want peace, but they want all of Israel with that peace and Israelis will become second-class citizens."

In the present situation, Hamas is "gaining ground fast," he told a well-attended meeting sponsored by New Leadership Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. It was co-sponsored by Gluskin-Shiff and the Institute for Jewish Learning.

The other featured speaker, Professor Galia Golan, a spokeswoman for Peace Now in Israel, termed the temporary ban on Palestinians from the Gaza Strip working in Israel as a "mistake."

Ban imposed by army

The ban was imposed by the Israeli army after two Jews in Tel Aviv were killed, and nine others injured, by a knife-wielding Palestinian from the Gaza Strip.

"I think the response was an overreaction to restore public confidence, but it is a mistake," Golan said. "It is a failure to understand that for Palestinians the killings are a desperate measure. I *know* there is a different government in Israel today but the Palestinians don't know it."

She remains optimistic, she said, that Israel will reach a peace agreement with Syria and an "interim agreement" with the Palestinians because this is the first time that the leadership in Israel and the leadership in the Arab countries both want peace.

Many questioners in the discussion period took issue with the positive picture of absorption of Russian olim painted by Livny, now practicing law privately, but the latter defended his position. Few olim have left Israel, he said, though they are free to go.

Golan said some women doctors are working as house maids, and some men doctors are cleaning the streets, and many others are working in menial jobs, but the Russians themselves regard it as a "temporary situation" and view it "with optimism and humor."

Referring to the "bleak picture" for Jews in the former Soviet Union, Golan described a "new phenomenon" of Jewish parents sending their children to Israel to study, while they stay behind in Russia because they are afraid they can't find jobs in Israel.

But, she added, Jews in the former Soviet Union have "immigration on their minds," and the rate of emigration to Israel is picking up again to a volume of 100,000 a year.

450,000 Soviets in country

"I predict that the rate will continue to rise and sooner or later most Jews will leave."

The 450,000 Soviet olim already in Israel, and another 500,000 expected in the next five years, will change the face of Israel and its society, Livny said.

It is the "pressure" from the olim which has helped Israel to realize that it cannot afford a huge army at the same time as it tries to cope with absorption, he said.

"We cannot continue in this no peace, no war situation with 12 percent of the work force unemployed and having to be supported by social security. We can't do it without peace and that's why there was a change in government."

Pressure from Soviet olim will inevitably lead to a change in Israel's marriage laws and in the definition of who is a Jew. At the moment, he said, there are 100,000 olim who are not Jewish and under the country's laws they can't get married and their children can't get married.

Livny regaled the audience with humorous anecdotes about the Russian olim in Israel, including his own experiences since he donates his time when dealing with their problems in his law practice.

One ear, nose and throat specialist in Russia came to complain that he could not practice in Israel. "I noticed that he was doodling pictures of the people in the waiting room and that he had real talent. Today he is a syndicated cartoonist and earning far more than he ever would as a doctor."

CORRECTION

In the Kosher Food advertorial *(Feb. 25 issue)* some incorrect information was printed in the article re.
NEW BEGINNINGS BAR/BAT MITZVAH SHOW.

The article printed the wrong name for the show organizer. The proper person to contact for more information is Janet Tatransky at 785-2080.
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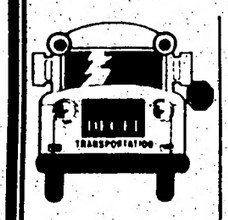
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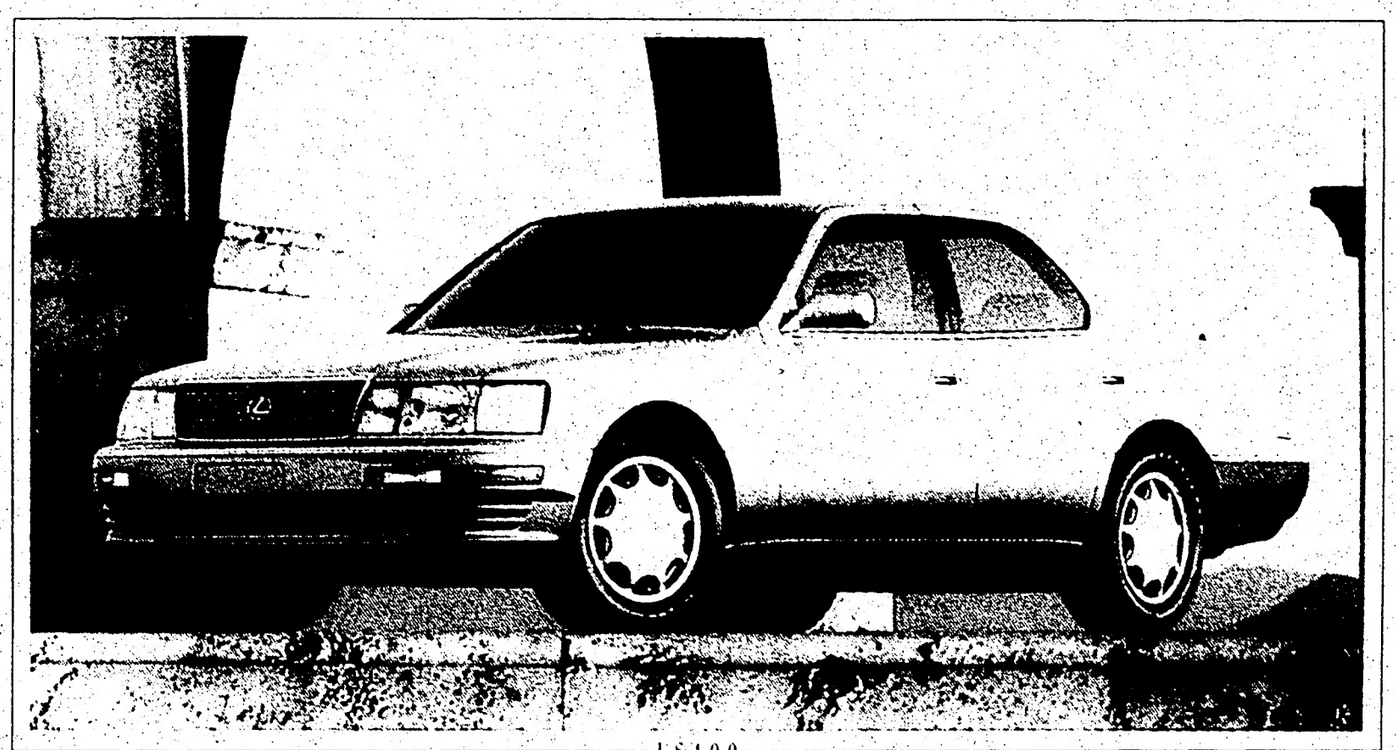
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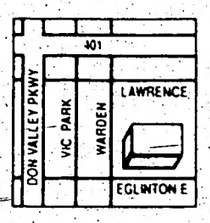

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What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

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Thursday, March 11

FROM JUDAISM TO WICCA

Women's Spirituality: An Interfaith Dialogue, brings together women from Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Wiccan communities to participate in an interfaith panel discussion on women's spirituality, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11 in the Scott chapel at York University. Speakers are **Meim Smith,** Association for Baha'i Studies; **Vivian Harrower,** director of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada; **Rabbi Nancy Wechsler,** Temple Kol Ami; **Meriam Baba,** a student of Islam at the University of Toronto; **Lady Ayra,** high priestess of the Coven of the Mists. The panelists will discuss women's identity in terms of prayer, spirituality and ritual within their respective faith communities. The dialogue is sponsored by the York Interfaith Council (IFC) together with various student and religious organizations.

WEINZWEIG BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

An 80th birthday celebration for **Prof. Em. John Weinzweig,** faculty of music, University of Toronto, will be given by his colleagues and former students, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11 in Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Building, 80 Queen's Park Cres. Tickets, available at the door or by phoning 978-3750, are $15, students and seniors $10.

Sunday, March 14

A VEGETARIAN EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a vegetarian experience! The Canadian Association of Jewish Vegetarians and The Cultural Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, invite you to hear **Rabbi Michael Skobac** explore the question, Why Does a Nice Orthodox Rabbi Abstain Fom Eating Meat?

Refreshments follow. This takes place 7:45 p.m. Sunday March 14 at the shul, 470 Glencairn Ave. General admission $5, students $2, members free.

PNAI POST-PURIM BASH

PNAI, (Parents of North American Israelis) welcomes everyone to a Post-Purim Bash. Laugh with the Habima Players, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 14 at Shaaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave. Admission, $4 per person.

TEACHING IN CUBA

The public is invited to hear **Prof. Ben Shek** offer an overview of his experiences when he discusses Teaching in Cuba: Personal Observations, 1 p.m. Sunday, March 14 at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Free admission. Sponsored by United Jewish People's Order.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SEMI-FINALS

Semi-finals in the Canadian Zionist Federation Ontario public speaking competition are scheduled for 10 a.m. Sunday, March 14 at Beth Sholom Congregation, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. and 7:30 p.m. that evening at Darchei Noam Congregation, 15 Hove St.

WINES & SPIRITS FOR PASSOVER

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood and Men's Club are excited to announce a new project on Sunday, March 14. **Carol Slatt,** president of Lorac Wine, will conduct a wine tasting which will introduce you to some new products available for this Passover. You will have an opportunity to discuss the wines and place an order. A portion of your purchase will help provide Passover meals for the needy. Free babysitting by reservation. Call 781-3511. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. nominal charge. Wine tasting and presentation 10 a.m. No charge. The public is cordially invited.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Rabbi Mordecai Becher, formerly from Australia, now with Ohr-Someyach, Jerusalem, will examine Arab Attitude Towards the Jews in Israel, at a meeting of Shaarei Shomayim Breakfast Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., Sunday, March 14. Services 9 a.m. Breakfast follows.

Monday, March 15

HEALTH CARE & DRUGS

Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre, 1 Overland Dr. Don Mills, offers a seminar on Health Care and Drugs - Bill C 91, with family practitioner **Dr. Michael Wyman** and practising pharmacist **Julie Tam,** research director, Canadian Drug Manufacturing Association (generic), 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 15. Free admission, coffee. Call 447-7244 to register.

ISRAEL - OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, 100 Elder St., welcomes you to a general meeting 8 p.m. Monday, March 15, with guest speaker **Ruth Ben Tsur,** consul of tourism for Israel, director for Canada, who will take you Off the Beaten Path - a look at places in Israel less often visited. Hostess will be **Linda Gotlieb.** Admission, members $2, guests $3. For further information call 633-3838.

PASSOVER SEDER SERIES

Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, continues its series on the Passover seder with Traditional and New Melodies, to be taught by **Cantor Ephraim Sapir,** 8 p.m. Monday, March 15. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments. Call 889-4975 for more information. The series concludes on March 22.

PEACE WITH SECURITY?

Peace With Security For Israel: A Possible Dream? **Shiffra Hoffman** will share her concerns and vision 8 p.m. Monday, March 15 in the Jerusalem Hall, Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Here is an Israeli voice which deserves to be heard amid a cacophony of viewpoints. Toronto Zionist Council invites the community to come and meet Hoffman. Free admission, coffee. To inquire further, call 781-3571.

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS

Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets next at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 15 in the foyer, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Tuesday, March 16

ASSOCIATED SCIENCE FAIR

The annual Grade 8 Science Fair of the Associated Hebrew Schools Junior High division, will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 at the Neptune branch, 3630 Bathurst St.

The Science Fair is open to the public. Admission is free. For further information, call 789-7471.

DAVID LIPSON LECTURE

University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program presents The David Lipson Lecture, with **Prof. Benjamin Ravid,** department of Near Eastern and Judaic studies, Brandeis University, author of *Economics and Toleration in Seventeenth Century Venice,* who will scrutinize Shylock and the Jewish Merchants of Venice, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, Room 179, University College, 15 King's College Circle. Members of the staff, students and the public are cordially invited.

UNITED WAY ORCHESTRA SERIES

United Way is the official beneficiary of the Toronto Pops Orchestra series. On Tuesday, March 16, Pops and All That Jazz, will be performed at the Westin Harbour Castle Toronto Convention Centre under the direction of **Harvey Ellis Dickson,** associate conductor laureate of the Boston Pops Orchestra. For tickets, $30, and more information, contact **Alex Pentland,** 777-2001.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM LUNCHEON

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood cordially invites you to attend a luncheon meeting 12:30 p.m. March 16, when **Rabbi Mark Dratch** will speak on A Bendel Brief: A Short Look at Ayin Hara in Jewish Tradition. For reservations, call **Ruth Fruitman,** 731-6660.

RISING GERMAN NEO-NAZISM

Metro Toronto Lodge B'nai Brith, Atzmaut chapter Hadassah and CHAT's committee for Oppressed Jewry, invite the community to an important forum with **Allen Feig,** president of Metro Toronto Lodge, just returned from a fact-finding mission to Germany, who will discuss the current situation facing German Jews in the face of rising neo-Nazi terror, and what Canadian Jews can do to help. The meeting takes place 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 at B'nai Brith Canada headquarters, 15 Hove St. Free admission.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will focus on the Book of Kings I Chapter XVI with **Dr. Isidore Cass,** Tuesday, March 16 at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

Wednesday, March 17

PRE-PASSOVER PROGRAM

Beth Sholom Sisterhood and Adult Education committee welcome you to a pre-Passover program 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 17 at the shul, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., featuring The Haggadah and Laws and Customs of Passover with **Rabbi Irvin Brandwein** plus Passover Melodies with **Cantor Israel Gutman.** No admission charge, but Passover products for the community Passover food drive would be appreciated.

Thursday, March 18

FILMS AT LIBRARY

Three films, *Technicolor and Technology 1914-1980, Tears Fall Twice* and *Two Worlds,* will be shown at Forest Hill Public Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18. No charge.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

BETH DAVID BISTRO

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Continuing Education and Young Families committees spurn winter with a lively bistro featuring musicologist/humorist **Dr. Joseph Levine** in a musical parody, Only in America, and introducing Beth David's own folk singer **Bryan Charendoff,** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at the shul, 55 Yeomans Rd. Dessert and coffee. Admission, $9 per person. Reserve by March 16 at the office, 633-5500. And, you are invited to attend Brotherhood Shabbat, 9 a.m. March 20 for Levine's special sermon, Praying by the Rules.

GREEN FOREST

The snow and cold didn't matter to the students at United Synagogue Day School, Bayview campus, who celebrated Tu b'Shevat in a green forest. Every class created an environmentally friendly tree from recycled boxes, packing materials and fresh creativity. Youngsters here are enjoying the shade of one of the trees. The forest even included a birthday tree to wish the trees Yom Haledet Sameach.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Registration is now open for beginner, intermediate and advanced adult and teenage summer courses in conversational Hebrew at Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. Evening courses run 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, June 1-Aug.31. All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions.

Free introductory private lessons for beginners. The instructor for the beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger,** founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call him at 787-0197.

WALDMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Dennis Waldman Foundation for Jewish Education, which honors the memory of **Dennis Waldman,** a special teacher in the Jewish community, is accepting applications, until April 30, for the fourth Waldman Scholarship, to be awarded in June. Valued at approximately $1800, it is for a student graduating from a Jewish high school who will attend university or yeshiva, or a student graduating from a public high school who intends to pursue a course of Jewish study. Criteria include academic achievement, community service, teacher references and an essay. Applications are available through the schools or at Solursh Feldman & Partners, 2 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 1800, North York, M2N 6C1. To inquire further, call 635-9765.

BAYCREST SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Are you available during the day? Baycrest is looking for volunteers with a good command of English, experience in typing, answering phones and using word perfect 5.1, to work in an office environment. Hours and week days are flexible. If interested, please call 785-2850.

ORTHODOX DISABLED

Great Weekend II, March 19-20, under the auspices of Shaarei Shomayim Adult Education committee, focuses on The Disabled In The Orthodox Community, presented by two disabled Orthodox Jews, **Rabbi Michael Levy,** director of services, Brooklyn Center for the Independence of the Disabled and author/lecturer/advocate **Chavi Willig-Levy.** At Friday evening Oneg Shabbat dinner, 7 p.m., Willig-Levy, asks, Was This Really Necessary? Reflections on Gam Zu LeTova. At 11:15 Saturday morning, following 9 a.m. services, Rabbi Levy delivers the Shabbat drasha, It's About Time:Jewish Reflections on Time Management. Dinner $20 adults, $12 children 5-12. Lunch $10 per person, cosponsored by Seek and Support. To reserve, call 789-3213.

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What's New

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RESUSCITATION COURSE

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood offers an accredited CPR course to be given by St. John Ambulance, 9:30 a.m. sharp, Tuesday, April 20. Space is limited. Reserve by March 20. Wear comfortable dress as this is a hands-on program. Cost, Sisterhood members, $25, guests, $30, by prepaid reservation. Free babysitting on request. For more information, call 781-3511.

HOLY BLOSSOM AIDS COMMITTEE

The AIDS committee at Holy Blossom Temple provides peer support for friends, lovers and family members of individuals who are HIV positive or have AIDS. Please call in confidence to **Cindy,** 789-3291.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL

Volunteer to teach business or conversational English to immigrant entrepreneurs through an adult volunteer program in Israel, Yad Beyad. Training is provided in Toronto for the summer program held in two 2-week periods July 5-Aug. 4. The program is sponsored by The Israeli Forum. Cost for volunteers is approximately $1950, including airfare and accommodation. For details, call **Loretta Helman,** 782-2898.

KOLEL SUMMER RETREAT

Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, announces its annual study kallah, July 14-18 in Orillia. This four-day retreat at Geneva Park Conference Centre includes daily shiurim (text study), Judaic arts workshops, worship services and lively discussion groups. Couples and singles attend from a wide range of Judaic backgrounds. Child care is available. Evening programs, music and dance, round out a full day of Judaic study with social content: Saturday night features a Jewish comedian from Yuk Yuks for a comedy coffeehouse. Registration is limited and spaces are filling quickly. For a brochure and more information, call 660-3154.

OUR MUSICAL HERITAGE

Our Musical Heritage, at Holy Blossom Temple, 8 p.m. Sunday March 28, features a spring choral concert showcasing the music of Canadian Jewish composers **Helen Greenberg, Srul Irving Glick, Ben Steinberg** and **Milton Barnes,** and highlighting the temple choirs. Conductors will be **Benjamin Z. Maissner, Steinberg** and **Barnes.** General admission $15, seniors and students $10. For additional information, call 789-3291.

IT'S MAPLE SYRUP TIME!

Yes, the sap is running and it's maple syrup time. Self-guided tours are available daily 10 a.m.-3 p.m. until April 12, at the Kortright Centre, Pine Valley Dr., south of Major Mackenzie (west of Canada's Wonderland). Maple syrup demonstrations are by appointment only. To inquire about these and other Kortright programs and displays, call 661-6600.

BERNARD BETEL OUTREACH

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living outreach program needs VISIT and Dial-a-Friend volunteers who have a working knowledge of Yiddish. VISIT volunteers provide company for homebound seniors. Dial-a-Friend volunteers offer telephone reassurance. Both services show seniors that someone cares.

SECOND GENERATION

Are you married to a spouse who is not a child of a Holocaust Survivor? Come and explore the family dynamics of your "mixed" marriage in a pleasant and congenial atmosphere (both spouses are encouraged to attend), 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21 at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Speaker will be social worker **Beth Feffer,** Jewish Family and Child Service. Admission, $4.

WIESENTHAL NEW LEADERSHIP

The Simon Wiesenthal New Leadership Society of Toronto invites you to a provocative evening with **Tom Martinez,** former member of The Order, a neo-Nazi group, and *Toronto Sun* writer **Bill Dunphy,** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at ElectricImages: The Shirley Show Studio on The Esplanade. Reception to follow. Admission, $36 per person in advance, $100 reserved seat, $50 at the door, if seats available. Reply by March 19 to Canadian Friends of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre,, 8 King St. E. Suite 710, Toronto, Ont. M5C 1B5, phone 864-9735.

GRADUATE STUDY OF JEWS

Workshops '93, sponsored by Interdisciplinary Union for the Graduate Study of Jews, plans the following: Working with Live Subjects (techniques and ethics of memory history), with **Dr. Paula Draper,** director, Holocaust documentation project Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, Beth Tzedec Synagogue; A Career in Academia (how to finance your education and publish your work), **Henry Abramson,** Ray D. Wolfe Fellow, department of history, University of Toronto and **Dr. Harold Troper,** department of history and philosophy, OISE, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, Beth Tzedec; Archives and Resources, **Dr. Stephen Speisman,** Ontario Jewish Archives, 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at the Archives in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Workshops are open to any individual with an advanced interest in studying Jews in any discipline and regardless of self-identification. No charge. For further information or, if you want to be part of future programs but can't get to a workshop, call 781-5017.

JF&CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family and Child Service workshops include: One Marriage: Two Religions, group for engaged/married couples from different religions (starts March 25); You and Your Aging Parents (begins March 18); Parenting Your Preteen, ages 10-12 (starts March 29); Step-Parenting (begins April 15). For more information about fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman,** 638-7800.

REENA FAMILY SEDER

Reserve now to attend the Reena family seder at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., Sunday, March 28. Program 3-5 p.m. Doors open at 2:15 for seating. Light Passover refreshment will be served and blocks of tables will be reserved for clients and their families. Call 787-0131.

LODZER ONEG SHABBAT

Come to the Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St., for a family evening and Oneg Shabbat with traditional Sabbath songs, storytelling and refreshments, 7 p.m. Friday, March 19. **Rabbi Louis Schechter** will officiate.

INTERCULTURAL ART DAY

In celebration of the March 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racism, the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto is staging a family art event at the AGO to promote positive race relations among young people. "Funcepts" will facilitate a hands-on program for children and their parents. For more information, call 364-3101.

at the JCC

Register now for the following spring courses and programs at the Bloor Y branch JCC, 750 Spadina Ave., swimming, dance, gymnastics, carpentry, yoga, Tai Chi, pottery, art, adult/child programs. The Y also offers March Break camps and summer camps. Call 924-6211.

Twenty-Something Downtowners Club, (24-35) invites you to brunch followed by a visit to the Gardiner Museum, Sunday, March 14. Meet at the Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., 11:30 a.m. To inquire further, call **Luni,** 924-6211.

You are invited to view photography by **Marla Young,** on display at the Bloor Y until March 18. For hours, call924-6211.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors Club plans these $5 day trips for members only: Tuesday, March 16, a visit to Canada Cup factory, lunch, afternoon activity to be announced. Depart 9 a.m. from the community centre. Tuesday, March 30, a visit to the *Dini Petty Show*, lunch. Depart 10 a.m. from the community centre. Tuesday, April 20, Unico Foods, lunch, Spray Pak. Depart 9 a.m. from the community centre. (No lunch costs included). For information about regular dances, movies and other activities, call 395-7881, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, Meeting Room 2, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Programs include Tai Chi, painting, bingo, cards, discussion. For information call **Viola Landman,** 886-2625.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., promises a wonderfully funny film 1 p.m. Monday, March 22. Plans for a revised trip to Israel are being reviewed at this time. Forthcoming theatre trips include May 14, the ballet *Romeo and Juliet;* June 9, the musical, *Oliver,*; July 22, *Damn Yankees;*Aug. 12, *Anything Goes.* For details on these and other activities, call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield,** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Free games and music on March 15. For information call, 782-9432 or 635-5604.

At The Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., Jewish Ethics and Philosophy series examines Medical Ethics and Jewish Law, with **Rabbi Moshe Ginz,** 10-11 a.m. Thursday, March 18 in the Fireside Lounge. Admission free, Everyone welcome.

"60 and Holding," an 8-week session on Nutrition Counseling and Weight Reduction for men and women over 55, starts Wednesday, March 24 from 1-2:30 p.m. Medical authorization is necessary for participation. The program, which is non-profit and professionally led, is for people who want to lose weight sensibly and learn how to keep it off by developing proper eating habits. Cost is $40 members, $60, non-members. Call 789-5131 ext. 2267.

Next Sunday program is a concert with **Shaya Petroff** and **Uri Zaidenberg** 1:30-2:30 p.m. March 14. On Tuesday, March 16 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir will entertain. Both are in the Assembly Room.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Sunday, March 14 is a busy day at the centre. Come out for folkdancing with **Vicky Slobodkin,** 11 a.m.-noon. members free, non-members $1. The movie *Limelight,* starring **Charlie Chaplin,** will be screened at 2:30 p.m., members free, non-members $1, and you can dance to the music of the Creative band, 7:30-10:30 p.m., members $3:50, non-members $4.

A Sunday Yiddish discussion group will meet 12-1 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 28 and April 25. Come for tea and discussion, in Yiddish, of current events and other matters of interest, with **Etti Miller.**

Learn about and enjoy, The History of Yiddish Song with lecturer/vocalist **Faye Kellerstein** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis,** 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 15 in the synagogue. Members $1, non-members $2. Co-sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Institute and Special Events.

Empowering Seniors, a free workshop examining: the three levels of government; programs and services for seniors; issues affecting seniors today, is slated for 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, March 16. Free refreshments. The program is presented in conjunction with the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations. Funding by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship.For more information contact **Sheila Zane,** 225-2112.

It's a musical afternoon with **Lorenzo Popesko,** 1:30p.m. Wednesday, March 17. Refreshments. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Come and join in all the interesting events. For details call **Anna,** 225-2112.

About People

JEWISH RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER

Andrew Palamarchuk, 18, a Vaughan high school student, has for several years consistently contributed his free time to youth programs at the Jewish Russian Community Centre, where his efforts and example to other young people are very much appreciated.

A. Palamarchuk

SCIENCE PROJECTS

United Synagogue Day School students at the Richmond Hill campus, presented their science projects, marking the culmination of a unit on nutrition. (From left) are Grade 3 students Brenda Bowman, Elana Steingart, Dustin Mandel and their general studies teacher, Mrs. Fiona Hurwitz-Cohen. Grade 3 students will investigate food further in a kashrut unit planned by their Hebrew studies teacher Mrs. Ora Shulman to coincide with Parshat K'doshim.

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Organizations and People

Educators focus their efforts on teaching learning disabled

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — "No one operating a school can get rich," says Merie Langford Levine, one of the founders and a co-director of the Canadian Heritage School (CHS).

In operation since 1982, the school is specifically geared to teach children and adults unable to succeed in regular public or private schools because of learning difficulties.

"Since the late 1970s, particularly since Bill 82 (1980), we have found that the educational system short changes learning disabled (LD) students," says Levine, an educational therapist/consultant who received a Masters of Education degree from York University. "Today, very few boards have specific classes geared for the LD learner. Often a LD learner's behavior will deteriorate in the regular classroom and when this occurs, these students will inappropriately be placed in a behavioral program which leads to further deterioration of behavior and self esteem."

Deborah Chesnie Cooper, another co-director says, "One of the major reasons we operate CHS is because after testing children, we find that the schools have been unable to provide these students with proper follow through in academics, behavioral needs, and family support." She explains that the push in the schools is on "mainstreaming" for budget reasons. "The students we have need one to one and/or small group teaching for at least two to three years. Mainstreaming, or having a specialist come into the student's regular classroom to do remedial teaching while the regular teacher continues to teach the class, is totally inappropriate for them."

D. Chesnie Cooper

Fees at the school are totally up to the parent. Students come from different financial backgrounds and few are from wealthy families. There is no government support but fees may be deducted from the medical portion of the parent's income tax. "It is, therefore, a great sacrifice for parents. These costs amortized over the child's whole life are worth it."

When operating a school, says Cooper, an educational psychologist with a doctorate in psychology, the most one can hope for is to make a living that reflects the time and energy put into the business. Most owners of special schools don't earn the salaries they could by working in a public school system.

"Not everything can be expressed in terms of dollars and cents," says Cooper. "Just as certain people go into business for the purpose and joy of being financially rewarded, there are some individuals like us who enter a profession for the joy of working and helping people." She points out that 85 percent of prison inmates have some form of LD.

"We believe in a very small way that we are helping to change youngsters who could be potential criminals." Levine continues, "We believe we are using our specialized knowledge as an extension within our profession to make our societal contribution. There is nothing more gratifying than helping a child who can be potentially dangerous to him or herself and society, and turn that child around to become a successfully self-sufficient member of society."

M. Langbord Levine

The objective at CHS is for each student to become academically independent as well as an integrated, socially aware person. "The directors and staff strive to prepare each student to be able to return to an appropriate academic placement within the regular public or private school sector."

Levine says for CHS to be financially successful, annual fees would be between $7,000 and $10,000 more per student than they are now. This would put it in line with American schools which have similar programs. Salaries are well below the Ministry of Education guidelines for psychologists, principals, vice-principals and teachers.

"We operate a tight ship, using good business practice and ethics. We keep our costs down, purchasing only what is required and most importantly, we have highly dedicated staff members who believe in what we are doing and they don't necessarily see financial gain as the be all and end all."

Levine, who has been in the educational field since 1959 and in special education since 1969, was the first person in Canada to open a private school that deals specifically with learning disabilities.

Cooper, who has been in private practice since 1973, says that CHS is "quite unique" because it is the only special education school at present which has both an educational therapist/consultant and an educational/development psychologist at the helm.

"The success of the child depends upon the level of trust and co-operation between parent and the directors. We investigate and recommend what should be the best placement for a student when he/she is ready to leave CHS."

Levine adds that the school has "a very high success rate with dyslexia, auditory processing and attentional problems, and other learning difficulties. Students have entered universities from CHS. Four years ago, CHS introduced a successful teacher-training program. Recently, CHS introduced Positive Parenting workshops and support groups.

Termed by some as the "school of last resort," Levine says they prefer to think of themselves as the "school of first resort."

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Jews were hated over time for who they were: rabbi

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Jews over the centuries have been hated not for what they do or don't do, but because of who they are, asserted Aish HaTorah senior lecturer Rabbi Motty Berger.

Rabbi Berger was visiting Toronto to give several lectures on anti-Semitism, including one at the Barbara Frum Community Recreation Centre in North York. A speech scheduled for earlier in the day at York University, part of the Jewish Student Federation's Holocaust Memorial Week, was missed because of the snowstorm.

It doesn't matter if you deny that essential quality or are ignorant of it, the rabbi said. "Even Adolph Hitler understood that, saying even the smallest infant personifies the Jewish soul, and thus must be destroyed."

That quality is the Torah, he said, recounting the legend that a fetus knows the whole Torah, until, at birth, an angel hits him or her on the mouth, and it is all forgotten. They spend the rest of their lives trying to recover what they lost.

Non-Jews, too, know where the Torah is, and both know that they rejected it, and want to reclaim that special relationship to G-d inherent in it.

"If they are good people, they know where to find it [with the Jews]. If they are evil, they know where to go to wipe out the message."

The Torah says that man was created to have a relationship with G-d. But a true relationship, he said, can only exist when one can choose to have it or walk away from it, when one can deepen the relationship (by doing good, by obeying the commandments) or hurt it (by doing evil.)

Jews, the rabbi said, represent this relationship, and the Christian and Muslim worlds, whose civilized ways are based on Torah values, know this.

To the extent Jews move away from Torah, Rabbi Berger says, G-d allows evil to prosper in the world. And the more evil flourishes, the more anti-Semitism does as well.

He systematically refuted the so-called reasons for anti-Semitism offered by the nearly 100 people in the audience who had braved one of the worst storms of the season to hear him:

Jews were money-lenders (but when Lombards took over that job, people didn't hate them); the Jews killed Jesus (but the Christian Bible says that the Romans killed him, and British Catholics don't hate Roman Catholics); St. Augustine said that the Jews were leading the miserable existence they were because G-d was showing the world how those who deny Jesus are punished (but the noted scholar Peter Abeland charged that their miserable existence was caused by the Christians, and that G-d, left to Himself, treats them well); that Jews keep themselves aloof (but when they enter society they are pushy and power-seeking).

Jews, he said, are the eternal scapegoat. "If you pick a group no one hates to blame things on, it won't work. If you pick someone who is already hated, no one looks at the true facts."

Describing racism as "a brilliant product of the 20th century," Rabbi Berger said that some called Jews a racial threat to the purity of their nation.

This too is an excuse, he said. Hitler, he said, is accused of being obsessed with race. "But Hitler allied himself with Italians, Arabs and the Japanese. He was obsessed not by race, but by Jews."

A further proof of this, he said, is that he allowed most of the German Jews who could to escape, but put the war effort on hold to destroy as many East European Jews as possible.

JCT FRIENDS HONOR ANISMAN

David Anisman (centre) recently received an award at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Monte Carlo Dinner Draw from dinner co-chairs Jerry Klasner (left) and Henry Zieleniec. Anisman, assisted by James Graff and an active committee, marked his 19th year with the synagogue's annual dinner draw. Attended by over 350 people, Anisman announced the allocation of a portion of the proceeds towards the construction of a new dormitory at the Jerusalem College of Technology. This dormitory will house Russian immigrant students and scientists the college has absorbed. Anisman and his family will be travelling to the college in June where he will be honored. To join the tour contact the office of Canadian Friends at 787-7565.

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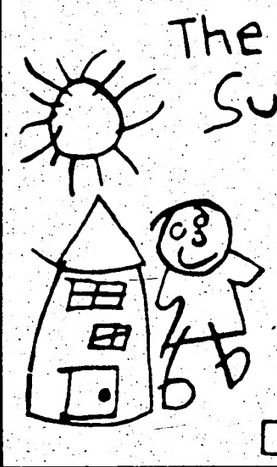

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Organizations and People

Mazon issues Pesach message

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Each Passover, the Haggadah enjoins Jews everywhere to "let those who are hungry come and eat."

For Mazon Canada, that Passover message meshes perfectly with its mandate of responding to the needs of the hungry.

With that in mind, Mazon Canada is distributing a special insert for the Haggadah that may be read at the start of the Passover seder. The insert reminds participants that reliving the sufferings of our ancestors and eating "the bread of poverty (matzah)," should "fill us with concern and compassion for those who still suffer poverty and hunger.

"This is our pledge, not merely to remember, but to act," the insert states. "Surrounded by those in need, we have the privilege to redeem our pledge and to live our Judaism."

Mazon executive-director Marilyn Aarons said the Passover campaign is one of the organization's two major annual events along with the High Holiday campaign.

Aarons said the Haggadah insert, which was written by Rabbi Chaim Sacknovitz, a member of Mazon's board of directors, was distributed with *Mazonews*, the organization's quarterly newsletter.

So far, the response to the Passover message has been excellent, with several rabbis asking for extra copies to use during their congregational seders, Aarons said.

Response has been so good, that Mazon has run out of copies, despite printing 4,000.

People are responding because they see the Passover holiday as "providing an exceptional connection to the goals of Mazon, since matzah is the bread of poverty," Aarons said.

In addition to the Haggadah insert, which is a new program, Mazon will distribute more than 10,000 "pew cards" that will be placed on synagogue seats during services.

"You can help us fulfill the mitzvah of feeding the hungry among us by donating just a small percentage of the cost of your family seder to Mazon," the card states.

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Aarons said Mazon is expanding its scope, with congregations in London, Calgary, Vancouver and Winnipeg being asked to contribute to Mazon.

Mazon Canada collects financial contributions and allocates it twice a year on a non-sectarian basis to organizations that fight hunger at the grass roots level.

For more information, contact Mazon Canada at (416) 783-7554 or address any correspondence to 788 Marlee Ave., Suite 206, Toronto, Ont., M6B 3K1.

JDL calls for renewed fight

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Putting faith in the legal system to combat neo-Nazis would be "an injustice" to victims and survivors of the Holocaust, a York University forum was told late last month.

Rather, "we should put the fear of G-d" into hate groups, Meir Halevi, head of the newly-reconstituted Jewish Defense League (JDL), told a session on how to fight neo-Nazis.

Halevi, who conceded that many of his and the JDL's views are unpopular, told students they "must make it as unacceptable and difficult as possible to be a Nazi in our society.

"Certainly after the Holocaust, we will never again allow these people to spread their hatred. These people [neo-Nazis] must know that," said Halevi, who shared the panel with Rodney Bobiwash, founder of Klanbusters, the Toronto anti-racist organization.

Asked by a York student to be more specific and whether the JDL has employed or advocates violent tactics, Halevi paused for a momenet and said, "I can't discuss that."

He said Jews "must be prepared to go the full distance" when it comes to combating neo-Nazi groups.

"You don't take these people lightly. We must act." One way to do that is to investigate these groups, especially, he noted, the Church of the Creator, a violent neo-Nazi group that is said to have cells in Toronto.

Halevi read aloud from what he said was a church publication. It called for 10 Jews to be murdered for every church member killed, "beginning with the rabbis."

Little faith in courts

Halevi said he does not put much faith in the courts and their efforts to punish members of neo-Nazi and white supremacist organizations.

That sentiment was echoed by Bobiwash, an official of the Native Canadian Centre, which helped bring a complaint against the right-wing Heritage Front for its allegedly racist telephone hotline messages.

Front leader Wolfgang Droege appeared in Federal Court late last month to answer to a charge that he ignored a court order forcing an end to the messages.

But the case was adjourned to next month because Droege did not have a lawyer.

That was after Droege appeared before a Canadian Human Rights Commission panel in January, also without a lawyer.

Droege "is making a mockery" of the court proceedings and is succeeding in delaying the case, Bobiwash charged.

Noting that Droege and members of other extremist groups have received heavy media attention in recent months, Bobiwash said anti-racists have been "losing the fight in the media."

Hate groups never tell the media the truth, and as a result, they often appear almost innocuous, he said.

While Bobiwash said he does not advocate violence and that it's "a good idea" to use common sense when dealing with Nazis, direct confrontation with them "works wonders."

Groups which fight hate and racism must work together better and engage in less grandstanding, he stated.

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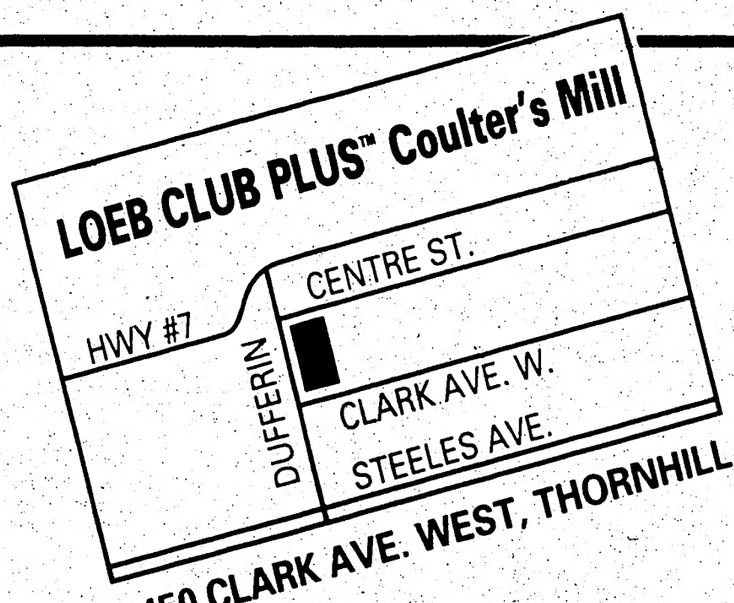

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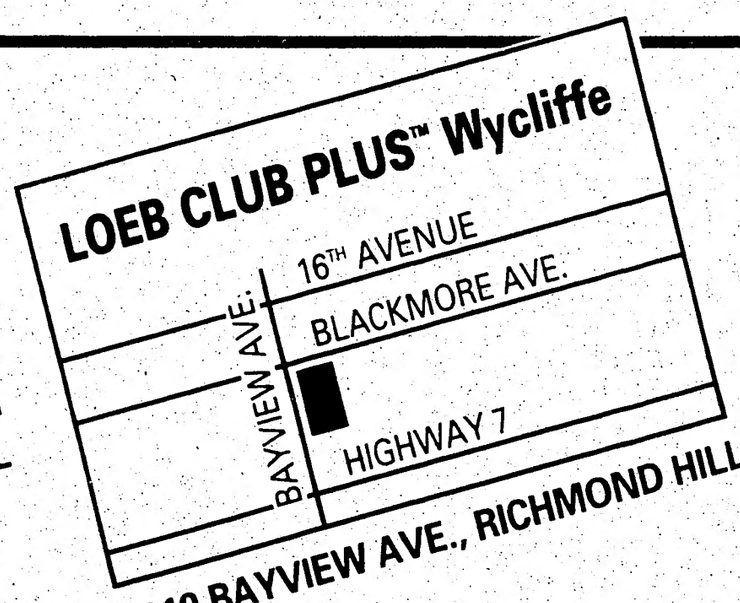

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Organizations and People

Russian immigrant's guide helps relieve culture shock

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Like thousands of immigrants before her, Sonia Danzig spent weeks in culture shock when she arrived here from Moscow in 1988.

Even though she had the advantage of speaking English well, Danzig was baffled by things many of us take for granted: the transit system, banking, government, local services, even the post office.

Now a seasoned pro who runs her own interior decorating business, Danzig has parlayed her initial anxiety into a useful guide for Jewish emigres from the former Soviet Union.

Written entirely in Russian, the 43-page directory takes the immigrant by the hand and guides him through the strange new world of Toronto.

Everything in the guide is based on Danzig's own experiences as a newcomer. The thinking is that immigrants want to know whether what they are feeling is unique to them. Often, Danzig explains, they are relieved to discover that they are not alone.

The brainchild of Temple Sinai in Downsview, which also financed the project, Danzig's guide has an empathetic, personal touch that takes the new immigrant's feelings into account.

"When I arrived here, it was very difficult to cope. I looked for a self-help manual and there was none," Danzig told *The CJN*. "But I found one for Russian-speaking immigrants in the Boston area."

Using the Boston guide as a model, Danzig put together what she calls a confidence-building directory that not only describes the trappings of another society but helps the newcomer find his sea-legs.

Danzig offers tips on apartment and job hunting, schools, the banking system, recreational activities, where to find synagogues and Jewish services, how to address an envelope, where to wait for a bus and how to use a pay telephone.

Sonia Danzig

Support groups listed

There is even advice on how to act like a Canadian and how to cope with a newcomer's anxiety. Addresses and phone numbers of support groups for Russian-Jewish emigres are included.

Danzig took 18 months to assemble all the information and Temple Sinai paid for 100 unbound copies. Reaction to the guide, she says, "is like a breath of fresh air."

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Taking a less personal approach is the Immigrant Resource Directory, a similar guide put out by Jewish Immigrant Aid Services' (JIAS) Toronto office.

Produced with a $17,500 federal grant, the guide, in English and Russian, lists communal and government services, tips on getting acquainted with banks and Canadian currency, how to handle emergencies, advice on housing, schools, employment and citizenship and a full listing of Jewish community resources.

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Chevra kadisha praised at Benjamin's dinner

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Without them, the Jewish community couldn't function.

High praise from Shaarei Tefillah Congregation's Rabbi Moshe Stern for a group of seemingly ordinary men and women.

But then, Rabbi Stern was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the chevra kadisha of Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel, the oldest chevra kadisha in North America associated with a funeral chapel, according to owner Michael Benjamin.

(The chevra kadisha is the group of people who ritually prepare a Jewish body for burial. It is considered the highest mitzvah one person can do for another, since there is no possible thanks or reciprocation.)

Rabbi Stern explained that according to Jewish law, when someone dies, everyone must stop what they are doing to deal with the needs of the niftar (the deceased). The existence of a chevra kadisha lets Jewish society continue to function.

The first chevra kadisha, Rabbi Stern said, was G-d, who himself prepared the body of Moses for burial.

"G-d wanted us to know that it it not below even His dignity to be involved with and concerned for a dead body."

Through the mitzvah of chesed, Rabbi Stern said, we fulfil the highest level of the Torah.

The rabbi contradicted the commonly held belief that when the Messiah comes, there will be no death. "When Moshiach comes, we will be at peace."

Patricia Fishberg, administrator of Benjamin's, praised the individual members of the women's chevra kadisha, speaking of their caring and sensitivity, both to the living and the deceased. In turn, each woman present spoke about their thoughts as a member of the chevra, such as an awareness of the dignity of the deceased (each of whom is cared for by those of their own sex), the richer attitude towards life, increased tolerance and maintaining of what for many was a family tradition.

Rabbi Moshe Stern

They also presented Michael Benjamin with a book in which their comments were printed.

In accordance with Benjamin's tradition, each participant was given a commemorative, hand-painted dish.

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Local entrepreneurs launch bid for Toronto NBA team

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — If basketball ace Michael Jordan is already the favorite athlete among young Canadians, what would be the limits to the popularity of a Shaquille O'Neal or a Patrick Ewing if he played in Toronto?

Local businessman Larry Tanenbaum, along with his friend, business associate and cousin Joel Rose, is banking that the sports fan in Toronto is chomping at the bit at the prospects of the city getting a National Basketball Association (NBA) franchise.

And judging from the response of the media and that of fans who are already sending cheques for season tickets to a non-existent team, Tanenbaum and Rose appear to have hit on the sports owner's equivalent of a sure thing.

The NBA's expansion committee, which met at the league's recent all-star game in Salt Lake City, gave the dynamic duo reason to smile when it announced that it views Toronto as a desirable expansion location for the 1995-96 season.

The Palestra Group, set up by Tanenbaum and Rose as the vehicle for obtaining a franchise, has already plunked down $100,000 to back up their bid.

While others are rumored to still be in the race to head up a Toronto team — notably Los Angeles Kings owner Bruce McNall and businessman John Bitove Jr. — only the Palestra Group has applied officially.

Rose, a tax lawyer specializing in transportation matters, believes the people behind the Palestra Group offer what the NBA is looking for — strong finances and good "synergy" with other team owners.

He confirmed that the Palestra Group is studying downtown sites near subway lines for a new arena that would seat 22,000 for basketball and 20,000 for hockey, should the Leafs ever be interested in changing venues and perhaps getting involved in the arena construction.

He expects a decision on a location will be made by the end of June.

Rose and Tanenbaum describe the venture to join the NBA as a sound business decision over the longterm. This despite the franchise fee of $75 million(U.S.) or more, coupled with the cost of building an arena. The total cost could run to $200 million.

Nevertheless, Tanenbaum, chair of Warren Paving and Materials Group, said he is excited about the prospects of getting into the sports/entertainment business, especially considering that the NBA is so well run under commissioner David Stern.

The success of the Blue Jays as the only major league baseball team to draw four million fans, and the ability of the Leafs to sell out regardless of whether they're hot, cold or frozen solid, are good reasons Tanenbaum and Rose are confident about the success of an NBA team.

The Tanenbaum/Rose involvement in an NBA bid began about two years ago when a U.S. lawyer called Rose for help in finding a buyer for a team that was in financial trouble.

Although that deal did not materialize, the seeds were sown for the development of a serious bid. After two years of study and preparation, involving up to 50 individuals and 10 professional groups, Toronto finally appears close to getting a coveted franchise.

"It'll be great for Toronto," Tanenbaum said. "We know Toronto is ready for an NBA franchise."

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Tanenbaum's name is a familiar one in the Jewish community. He is one of three sons of the late Max Tanenbaum, who built a $400 million real estate and steel business centred on York Steel Construction. Joey, the eldest son, is a Toronto developer. Howard is a lawyer.

Larry Tanenbaum, 48, attended Beth Tzedec and Beth Sholom supplementary schools as well as Forest Hill Collegiate.

A regular supporter of the United Jewish Appeal, he serves on the boards of Mount Sinai Hospital, Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute and Ben Gurion University.

Although basketball is his current interest, his favorite sports include tennis and skiing.

Playwright's views touch off debate

By BEN ROSE

Sam Goldstein

TORONTO — The personal opinions of a young Canadian playwright about his attitudes to Zionism and Israel touched off a spirited discussion following a rehearsed reading of his play *The First Casualty of War* by the Medina Theatre Ensemble at the Lipa Green Centre.

Sam Goldstein's drama deals with the moral dilemma of three Israeli soldiers coping with the intifada and incorporates a tense plot involving the Israeli government's search for the person who shot an Arab-American in the back during a stone-throwing riot. The play lays blame on no one for tactics in containing the intifada.

However, a woman in the audience, Nessa Olshansky-Ashtar, a former resident of Israel, took issue with Goldstein's statements in an interview (*CJN Feb. 25*) that he was disillusioned with Zionism after working at the Israeli Embassy in Otttawa and his own experience in Israel.

She said she didn't agree that Goldstein's distaste for the world of realpolitik should turn him away from Zionism. The playwright replied that he identified himself as a Jew and being a Jew is more than being a Zionist or believing in the centrality of Israel in Jewish life.

Although he said he liked the play, former MPP David Rotenberg declared: "It was reasonably accurate on some things but had no depth of explanation. Some of us do care about Israel and I am one of those who is still a Zionist."

Mel Shipman, of Canadian Friends of Peace Now, observed that the play dealt fairly and dramatically with the situation in Israel today, a statement which brought a round of applause for the 29-year-old law student, from the audience.

Asked if he had any solution to the problem of Jewish-Arab relations. Goldstein said it would have to come from applying the Camp David agreement. "But peace will be a very slow process, and some people want to rush it."

The play, reviewed previously, (*CJN Feb. 25*) won the award of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto theatre committee. The committee's chair, Ralph Wintrob, noted that it was not a political statement or treatise.

The reading, imaginatively directed by Corinne Copnick, was excellently performed by the 11-member cast, Richard Beaulne, Phil Rickaby, Tim Brown, Chris Damus, Joel Kurtz, Sid Libman, Harry Sugar, Fran Biderman, Lori Wainberg, Irving Hoffman and Esther Rine.

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Arts

Esther turns real world upside down

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — In the upside-down world of *Purimshpil*, it's okay for Haman, the man in the tricorn hat, to be the hero. And in the musical *Esther*, running at Leah Posluns Theatre until March 28, Haman is just that.

Actor-singer-dancer Sean Baldwin, a gawky fellow with rubber legs, walks away with the honors in what is otherwise a lightweight show. *Esther* may be worth an A as a college production but this Washington, D.C., road show is pretty thin for a professional house like Leah Posluns.

Esther is in trouble from the moment the cast, dressed in huge false beards and black coats, groaningly push a half-ton pick-up truck onstage. The truck, carrying three musicians and their instruments, is supposed to be funny, but it goes flat. There is utter silence. "Hey, we're in Canada," a cast member yells.

Not that *Esther* isn't a lot of fun. The six cast members work hard. They run in and out of the audience with graggers. They do pop, rock 'n roll, rap and reggae, but it's American-style show that doesn't quite work in Canada.

Five cast members of *Esther* from left, back: Garth Kravits, Sean Baldwin, Amie Bermowitz, Audrey Wasilewski, Tracy Flint.

Some of the best moments are produced by Canadian content. When Mordechai (Michael L. Forrest) is appointed prime minister by King Ahasheurus, (played effectively by Garth Kravits) he pulls a long face. "I mean Prime Minister of Persia, not Canada," says the King. Mordechai breathes a deep sigh of relief. "Death to the GST too," says Ahasheurus after sentencing Haman to be hanged.

As Esther, Amie Bermowitz wears a Super-woman costume, but she is no match for Haman in igniting the audience. Her best moments come when she accuses Mordechai of trying to take over her role as the hero of the piece.

Author Elizabeth Swados, a Buffalo, N.Y., native, attempts to infuse the lyrics with social significance like "You must not rely on kings and rulers" or "Let's praise the Underdog". But the underdog is lost in the hubbub.

In *Esther* Haman loses his job and his head, but in real life, he is doing better. Actor Baldwin and director Laurie Wessesly, of the Washington Jewish Theatre, are to be married in April.

Eye on Arts

An exhibition of recent works by artist Elaine Clarfield-Gitalis is currently running at The Elmwood, 18 Elm St. until March 28.

In the last two years, Clarfield-Gitalis' paintings have dealt with the beauty of nature and its many complexities. In this series, Earth Spirits, she continues to explore the relationship with Mother Nature.

"After a trip to southwestern United States, it became clearer to me that the North American Indian's link to the land involved not only a physical dependency, but embraced a multitude of various spiritual facets," says the artist. "Unfortunately, we have lost this intimate relationship with Mother Nature and as a result, have actually lost an important part of ourselves!"

Clarfield-Gitalis teaches drawing and painting classes in her studio and color theory at Seneca College in the interior decorating diploma program. She has had many solo exhibitions and been involved in many art shows, including one at Beth Tikvah and another at Leah Posluns.

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Two new exhibits have opened at the Koffler Gallery and will run until April 5.

Claude Luneau's sculptures of steel, bronze and iron include eight new ones comprised of a variety of found objects and cast elements: abstracted bits of used machinery mixed with iron planes, boats and houses.

At the same time Simone Jones and Mary Alton present Mechanical Work and White Transmission Holograms. This exhibition illustrates an interesting blend of higher and lower-tech approaches to art-making.

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A landmark series of films in Yiddish made in Europe and the United States between 1910 and 1948 is the focus of the Jewish Film Festival at the Art Gallery of Ontario that will run through June.

The films have been restored and subtitled in English.

A major opening event on May 30 at the Art Gallery of Ontario and other supporting programs, such as special lectures, musical events and children's programs are being organized by and through the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto.

Yiddish Film Between Two Worlds features films that reflect the concerns and values of Yiddish culture and preserve the nuances of the Yiddish language. Among the films to be shown are *Jewish Luck* (1925), *Uncle Moses* (1932), *The Return of Nathan Becker* (1932), *Yidle With His Fiddle* (1936), and *The Dybbuk* (1937).

For further information call Florence Marantz at 924-6211 or Helen Redner at 631-5668.

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Artist Miriam Smith will hold an open studio exhibit and sale on March 28 at 14 Roycrest Ave. in Willowdale. Her work includes mainly Passover items, such as platters, matzah baskets and an number of other items for holiday rituals. Her work is mostly porcelain and contemporary in design.

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A detailed account of a young Jewish girl's coming-of-age in Germany and British-mandated Palestine before the outbreak of World War II is chronicled in Adelyn Bonin's memoir *Allegiances*, which will be published next month by Fithian Press.

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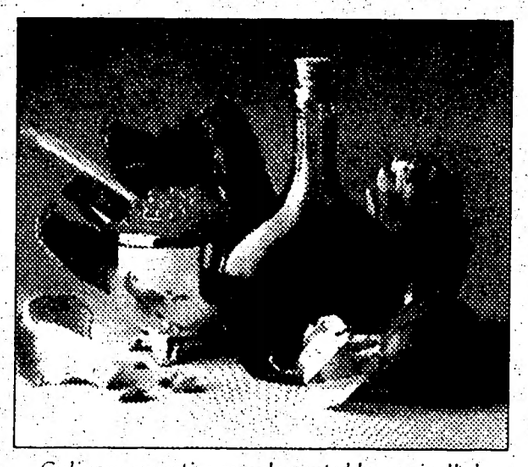

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Barksy credits family for her chutzpah

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Barbara Barsky, a big name in musical theatre in Canada, has taken thousands of curtain calls, but the one she wants to watch most herself is by her father, Leonard, a retired insurance salesman in Winnipeg.

"He's taking a real interest in the theatre now and had a small part in *Lies My Father Told Me* by the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre. I can't wait to see him on the stage after all these years," Barsky said.

It was her father and mother, Doris, who car-pooled her to singing and dancing lessons in Winnipeg and to her first appearance on stage in a ballet version of *The Wizard of Oz* at the age of 11.

Retired he may be, but Barsky's father is a speed skater and an active member of Shaarei Zedek synagogue, besides his new interest in the theatre. The singer is hoping he'll be in Toronto to see her new show *Chutzpah a go-go*, saucy musical directed by Jordan Merkur, which opens in an expanded version at The Canadian Stage Berkeley Street Theatre March 17, running to April 3.

Barsky, along with Charlotte Moore, are two new members of the Eclectic Theatre company cast, joining writers David Gale and Randy Vancourt, who were originals of the hit spoof of Jewish customs and mores.The St. Rebecca of Perpetual Guilt Holy Klezmir Band will be back, too.

"One of my first productions for Rainbow Stage in Winnipeg was *Sound of Music*, what a difference in content from *Chutzpah a go-go*," *she said.*

Barbara Barsky

Musing on why Winnipeg has develped so many good Jewish entertainers, Barsky said: "The city was an absolute cultural hotbed, it was so cold you had to rush to the theatre and close the door to keep warm."

Her father did come to Toronto see her play the role of Cassie in *A Chorus Line* in 1987 and her mother, now living in Florida, was on hand in Toronto for her appearance in the first version here of *Closer Than Ever*. That musical was revived at the Limelight Dinner Theatre last year and Barsky was in the line-ujp again, along with her husband, Marek Norman, of Vancouver, an actor, singer and composer who wrote the music for *The Great Adventure* at the 1992 Charlottetown Festival.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

Journalist examines Palestinians' plight

Sleeping On A Wire: Conversations with Palestinians in Israel by David Grossman (Harper-Collins, $21.95)

Several years ago David Grossman's book *The Yellow Wind*, a work of reportage based on his three-month stay on the West Bank, created a furore in Israel. Detailing widespread injustice and insensitivity against Arabs it became one of the most controversial and best selling books in the country's history.

Now, this well known Jerusalem journalist examines the plight of the 750,000 Palestinian citizens of Israel who make up about 18 percent of the population. Outside of the focus of media attention, often described as the invisible or forgotten Israelis, they are forced, maintains the author, to "sleep on a wire":

"He has come to terms with Israel's existence but does not feel part of it. His identity is Palestinian, but he is too cautious to demand minimum national rights. Yes, he is a Palestinian, but he refrains from taking part in his brothers' struggle. Officially he is Israeli, but he is afraid to demand for himself legitimate rights as an Israeli. Were he to dare to demand civil rights forcefully, he would immediately be accused of national extremism. If he demands nothing and wishes for nothing, he will be accused of alienation and separatism.

"So it has been for decades, for hundreds of thousands of acrobats. Sleeping on the wire, in midstep."

These conflicted Palestinians support the intifada verbally and even financially. How can they remove themselves from the political aspirations of their fellow Palestinians? Yet, aware of their status as citizens of Israel they refuse to raise the flags of the PLO over their houses, paint anti-Israel slogans on their walls or argue too publicly or vociferously for Palestinian independence. In a showdown with Israel this disaffected minority would have much to lose.

This lively, engrossing and informative volume contains conversations with academics and intellectuals as well as with a mixed bag of workers, business men and inter-married Jewish-Arab couples.

Grossman is impatient with Israeli callousness which derives, he maintains, from a mixture of lack of understanding, lack of interest and lack of desire. "Out of 13,000 employees in the eight most important government ministries only 5 percent are Arab; among the 400 prosecutors in the Ministry of Justice there is not a single Arab; the Department of Muslim Affairs in the Ministry of Religious Affairs is headed, still, by a Jew; there is not a single Arab on the managing committee of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, meaning the Arabs have no influence on broadcast policy; the 44.9 percent of all citizens in the bottom tenth income level are Arabs; according to the standards of the social-security system, a Jewish child in a large family is "worth" two Arab children."

At the very heart of the dispute is a seemingly insurmountable problem. Is Israel to remain a state in which Jewish identity is supreme, or is it destined to become a multi-cultural country in which Jewishness becomes attenuated — merely one strand in a variegated tapestry?

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Travel

Borden's public relations firm helps to promote Israel travel

TORONTO — Lynda Borden's got a couple of things in common with President Bill Clinton — she likes to sleep late and she likes to work from home.

Both of those factors contributed to the rise of her own company, Dateline: Holy Land, a public relations firm devoted to the Israel travel industry. (Borden dispatches an Israel-based photographer/writer team to tag along with a Holy Land tour in progress, recording participants' testimonials and endorsements amid a picturesque, ancient backdrop.)

"I've never been an early riser," says Borden, 33. "But that doesn't mean I'm not ambitious. I'm up all night planning my day. The way I see it, I deserve to sleep in."

Borden, a self-confessed maverick with a wanderlust, needed to combine all the loves of her life. An established musician, she acquired a taste for country music 10 years ago. Not long afterward, she found herself aboard a hundred-ton container ship, bound for Israel. There she was signed to a year-long engagement in a Tel Aviv country music bar. Upon her return, she began a hectic and rewarding career as a news reporter and later as a copy writer for Jewish agencies and the travel industry.

One morning, after she'd woken to the hourly news on the radio — twice — Borden saw the light.

"I knew it was time to start my own company. I had a plan. I knew exactly what I wanted to do: I wanted to write; I wanted to promote Israel travel; I wanted to spend time in Nashville; and I wanted to include Israel in that picture. I wasted no time. I made a few phone calls, bought an 800 number (1 800 HOLY LAND), incorporated my business, put together my own PR kit and started recruiting my army of writers and photographers in Israel."

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"Israel attracts a very high concentration of writers, photographers and journalists. It's such an interesting place to work," says Borden, an award-winning journalist. "It's the Holy Land. It's where Jesus walked. Mainstream America wants to know what's happening there.

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TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

It's another Monday morning, but unlike most Monday mornings, when I'm usually in a bad mood because of the weather or feeling claustrophobic in my dingy office overlooking a garbage dump, I am in high spirits. Nothing can cast a shadow on my day and no, it isn't because I spent a whirlwind weekend with wild women (how's that for illiteration?).

The reason, my dear friends, is that our esteemed editor **Patricia Rucker**, aka as **The Dragon Lady** is not here, and more importantly, won't be here for the next two weeks. Next to making love and winning the lottery, this is the best thing that could possibly happen to me.

She and husband **Leon** *boarded a plane this morning (or at least I hope they did) to go, where else, but sunny* **Florida.** I must say she deserves the rest, but don't tell her I said so.

Anyway, as the old saying goes, "When the cat's away the mice..." so I am holding a staff meeting this afternoon to plan a few parties and maybe even a junket to a **Vegas** casino. If you'd like to join us, call me here and we'll see if you qualify.

Age doesn't matter. Just the right attitude towards life.

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And speaking of travel, two of the **CJN** staff just returned from some fun in the sun. **Sasha Smidov** and husband **Tony** had a great time in **Aruba** even though she said it was very windy much of the time. But the shopping was good, the sun bright and she even made some money at the casino.

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Antique Market offers incredible shopping

The Harbourfront Antique Market truly has something for everyone young and old, experienced collectors and first time buyers, at incredibly affordable prices!

"I feel that it's one of the world's greatest shopping experiences because each of our antique dealers are experts in the product they collect and sell. They have the ability to trace the history of their products; how old they are, who they belonged to, what materials were used and how the items were made. It's like shopping at a museum. When you walk out the door with an antique, it is as valuable as when you were at the Market," says Andrew Rivkin, vice-president of the Harbourfront Antique Market.

The majority of the population shares a common love and appreciation of antiques and culture. But for some reason, people seem to be afraid to actually buy antique products. This is usually due to their lack of knowledge about the quality, craft and workmanship that has and will continue to withstand the test of time.

Consumers also have a generally preconceived notion that in order for an item to be an antique, it has to be expensive and unaffordable when in fact, this is not always true.

Alan, one of the dealers from the market, explains: "Most people do not know that according to Canadian standards, an antique is a product which is 50 or more years old. Antiques are also less expensive in Canada than just about anywhere in the world. So whatever you are paying for an antique here, is really a bargain and the value of the product will continue to increase with time."

The Harbourfront Market offers you two floors of the largest selection of antiques available in Ontario under one roof. With over 100 reputable dealers who are more than willing to answer any questions you may have as well as educate you with fascinating stories — even if you are just stopping by to browse through and admire their collections.

Certainly there are items sold at the market that are old and extremely rare to find . . . for the more advanced serious collectors. These items can be expensive to collect, like an original French Majorell Hutch dating back to the early 19th century, or a real Tiffany Lamp from the 1800s.

However, the Harbourfront Antique Market also offers you a wonderful selection of collectibles that are priced between $5 and $5,000.

You'll find everything here from toys, posters, buttons, maps, baseball and hockey cards to cranberry glass lamps and glasses, area rugs and tapestries, Flow Blue and Royal Winton Chintz China to juke boxes, telephones, Eskimo and Indian sculptures and artifacts, dining room and bedroom sets, pocket watches, estate jewellery, pop machines, table settings, vases, the best Majolica collection in North America and more.

We all learn to collect things early in life, but as buyer Bill puts it: "It's like buying a piece of history. There's a certain immortality to these pieces.

"I always dreamed of owning an antique desk, but I didn't know anything about them. Three years ago I bought one here and now I own two of the rarest gun desks around. It's really important to find a dealer that you like and trust. I found that here at the Antique Market," says Bill.

Jeanne d'Arc Ouellette, one of the dealers, says: "In the past if something broke, we used to fix it. Now we have to toss it into the garbage and waste money on something new to replace it."

Most people will not hesitate to purchase a bedroom set in a retail store made of cheap pressed wood that costs between $2,000 and $10,000 which is actually designed to look like a replica of furniture from the past. The problem is that in a couple of years, you will end up throwing it away because the doors caved in or the wood warped.

The sad part about this situation is that you could have purchased a genuine antique bedroom set from France, England or Scotland through one of the dealers at the Harbourfront Antique Market for prices ranging from $1,000 to $5,000. The difference is that the antiques were hand made and carved of the finest oak, birds-eye maple, chestnut or mahogany wood to name a few, with beautiful in-lay designs, accentuated with brass, gold or marble. These pieces were designed between 50 and 1,000 years ago and will continue to survive due to the quality and craftsmanship of that period of time.

The Harbourfront Antique Market is open Tuesday through Sunday, and is conveniently located at the foot of Spadina at 390 Queens Quay West. You can easily travel by the Light Rapid Transit from Union Station or park your car in the parking lot directly above the market.

It's the perfect place for Ontario residents and tourists to spend a couple of hours, or even the entire day. They even offer a calendar of events each month to help you learn more about the various antiques that people are collecting today. You can also relax and unwind in the restaurant, located on the second floor, while meeting a wonderful variety of interesting and friendly people. Who knows, you may even bump into some of their regular out-of-town buyers like Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Whoopie Goldberg, or Bruce Cockburn.

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Ramble into Rumble ...you'll see

Sales representative Steven Korne has been with Rumble Pontiac, working with the same sales manager, for 10 years.

Formerly a part of the Rumble Pontiac management team, Korne chose to give up his managerial responsibilities after the birth of his first child. His background in management makes him an especially knowledgeable and effective sales representative.

Korne has been involved with cars for 25 years. It began as a hobby and turned into a career.

His focus is on providing customer service and customer follow-up. "My customer satisfaction rating from General Motors based on customer surveys is over 95 percent," he says.

Korne cautions consumers against being overly concerned with the initial price when they shop for a car.

"Many salespeople are unable to make a sale on the spot and they discover the customer is looking for the best deal. They have a tendency to quote unrealistic figures. "These ridiculous figures make the car buying experience unpleasant," he says.

Shopping for a vehicle then becomes harder on the consumer and on the next dealership the customer goes to, he explains, because the customer has false price expectations.

"I refuse to work in that fashion. I prefer to give someone a realistic quote," he says.

Korne issues a challenge to anyone who finds a product they wish to purchase from Rumble Pontiac. "Go to any dealer and get their price, then come back and see me. I can assure you we will do much better," he says. "I won't be undersold."

Instead of selling one car to someone and never seeing him or her again, he would rather get repeat business or referrals. Many of his buyers have been so pleased that they have sent their friends and relatives to him.

Korne offers *Canadian Jewish News* readers who mention the Rumble Pontiac advertisement special incentives for the purchase of any General Motors product.

"We're a Pontiac Buick dealership, but we can lease Chevrolet, Oldsmobile with the same incentives that a Chevrolet dealership has," he says.

He urges anyone looking for a car to contact him. "I'm here, I'm starting to advertise, and I've been in the same place for ten years.

"Since people have to put their confidence in someone, I feel I'm the person they should deal with. If you're going to buy or lease, you owe it to yourself to give me a call."

Call Steven Korne at Rumble Pontiac (416) 485-0350 to set up an appointment. The dealership has been at the same location, 1860 Bayview Ave., one block north of Eglinton, for 43 years. Korne can also be reached at home (416) 472-6301.

Singles registry takes Toronto by storm

In today's rapidly changing world, it seems harder now than ever before to meet that special someone to share all your hopes, dreams and long term goals with. Especially since women and men of all ages are faced with the demand and desire to have equally successful and time-consuming careers.

How many times has a friend, parent or relative set you up on a blind date with the most wonderful, not to mention beautiful or handsome, individual . . . that turned out to be a disaster?

Well, now there's an easier way to meet people. The Jewish Singles Registry is taking Toronto by storm.

"The concept is simple," states Rob Singer, the organization's director. "We simply take the blind out of the blind date. We are not a matchmaking service, we are a community-based Jewish organization that is designed specifically to allow our members the choice of who they would like to meet."

Upon joining the registry, which is available to people aged 20 and up, members are asked to fill out a basic information questionnaire. The questionnaire allows you to write about your interests, hobbies, goals and desires, as well as what you are looking for in a potential partner.

This information, along with a photograph, code number and your first name, are compiled in books classified by age and gender.

Members are able to look through these books and choose the person they would like to meet. The individual chosen is then contacted and is given the opportunity to look over the member's biography before making the decision to accept the exchange of phone numbers.

The service is strictly confidential and both parties must agree before any phone numbers are given out.

David, a member of the registry, explains: "I don't like other people choosing who I go out with. Here at the registry, I have the opportunity to choose for myself and it's a great way to meet people, as there are new members joining all the time."

"Where else can you read, learn about and actually see what the other person looks like before any introduction is made. What more could you ask for from a service?" asks Sharon, a registry volunteer.

The Jewish Singles Registry opened in Toronto about six months ago, after six years of successfully arranging introductions and marriages in Montreal and four years in Ottawa. Membership in Toronto includes free membership in both Montreal and Ottawa.

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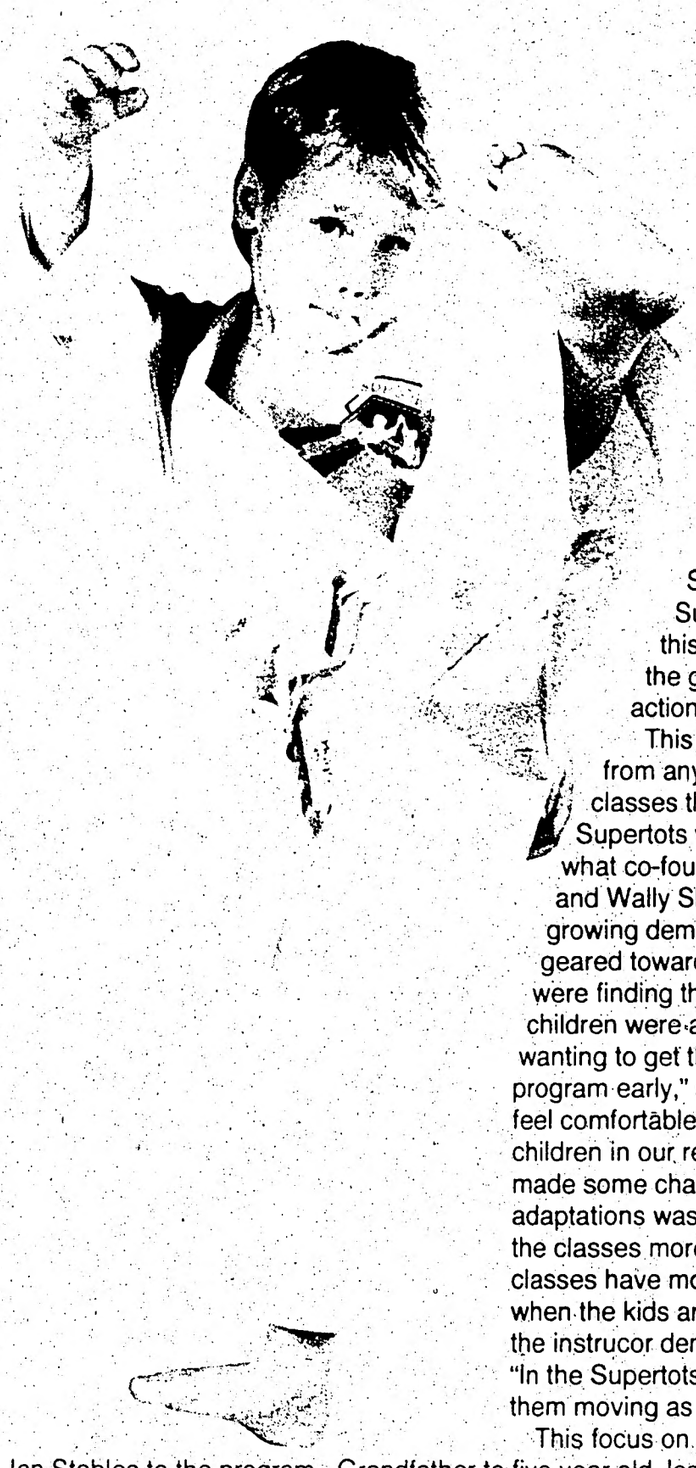
Grandchildren and Karate



Small children dressed in traditional white karate uniform, hair tousled from running, jumping, kicking, now sit still watching the instructor at the front of the class. All eyes are on the Sensei – but not for long. At this age - three, four, five - it's hard to keep still. Scott Bullard, instructor of the Supertots program at Superkids Karate, knows this and it isn't long before the group has sprung into action.

This scene could be taken from any of the Supertots classes that Superkids offers. Supertots was designed to meet what co-founders Harold Warden and Wally Slocki perceived to be a growing demand for karate programs geared toward younger children. "We were finding that a lot of parents and children were approaching us and wanting to get their kids into the program early," says Bullard. "We didn't feel comfortable having such young children in our regular classes, so we made some changes." First on the list of adaptations was finding ways to make the classes more active. "Our regular classes have more instruction, times when the kids are sitting and watching the instrucor demonstrate," says Bullard. "In the Supertots program, we try to keep them moving as much as possible."

This focus on activity initially attracted Ian Stables to the program. Grandfather to five year old Jesse, and a former karate participant himself, Stables and his wife registered their grandson in Supertots four month's ago. "I liked what karate had taught me from a discipline point of view," says Stables, quickly adding that by discipline he means self-discipline, not a regimentation. "Jesse is at the age where learning some of those skills will come in handy. He is also extremely active and needs to burn off some of that energy."

Although Jesse has graduated from Supertots to the Superkids Junior Program, Stables has no trouble recalling what impressed him about the Supertots routine. "Superkids runs a very good program," says Stables, pointing out that both Wally Slocki and Harold Warden have great reputations in the world of karate. "They are selective about the children that they take into the school, and once those kids are enrolled, they make sure that the experince is a positive one." Certificates for good listening skills are often awarded, and stars are awarded for different achievements. "Jesse benefited from the program in a number of ways," says Stables. "But the most apparent is that he now understands the need for discipline, in karate class, at home and at school."

Although Stables realizes that many parents and grandparents feel that four years old is too early to be exposed to the sport, he believes that good program makes all the difference. Bullard agrees.

"The point here is to get them physically active in a way that will prepare them for our mainstream program, not to produce world-class athletes," he says, adding that this program includes Superkids basics like Street Smart. "These kids are taught that karate is a lot more than kick and punch. They are keeping active, memorizing their phone numbers and addresses and rehearsing what to do if a stranger should approach them. Like it or not, this is the world we live in, and these are the things that they need to know."

The Supertots program is offered at Superkids Karate on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. For more information, call 738-1010. Classes for 6-12 years, teens and adults also available. Superkids have locations in Thornhill, Willowdale, Unionville and Mississauga areas, and they will also recommend a school in your area if you are not close to a Superkids location. Call 738-1010, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m..

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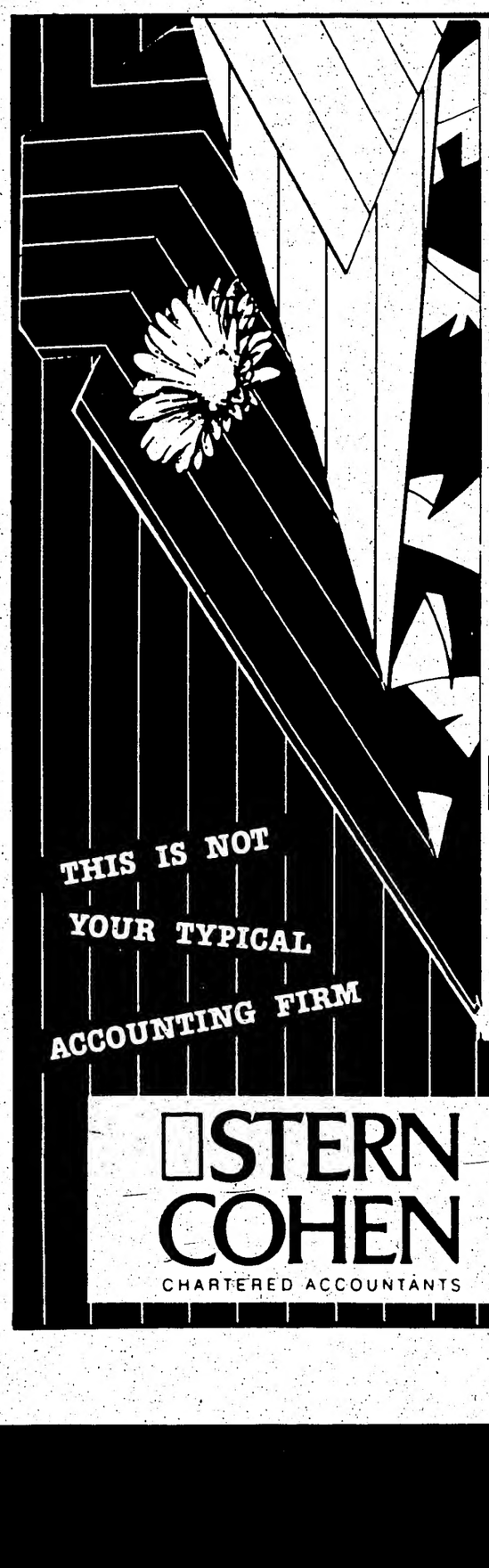

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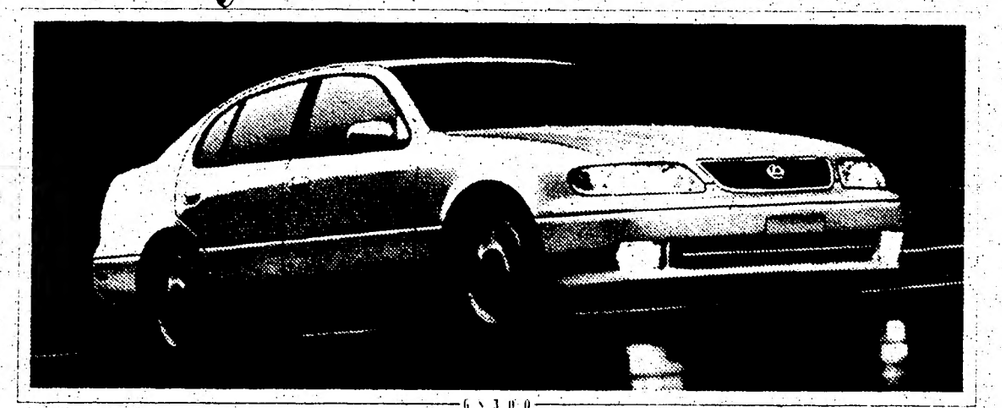

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Maternity fashions that flatter the figure

Much to the relief of pregnant women everywhere, gone are the likes of buttons and bows, flounces and frills in today's maternity wardrobe.

Thanks to Rhonda Flomen, of Rhonda Maternity — a chain of three owner-occupied Toronto area maternity clothing stores — women can now look forward to dressing in style during their pregnancies and to finding the same smart, confident looks to which they are generally accustomed.

Flomen believes that today's woman deserves maternity wear that is attractive, well-made and sophisticated — making her feel good whether she's relaxing at home or chairing an important business meeting.

For spring of '93, Rhonda Maternity is featuring vibrant colors and comfortable silhouettes in a fabulous selection of suits, separates, dresses and sportswear. Highlights of the spring collection include classic double-breasted blazers and Chanel-style jackets in wonderful cool wool; skirts and pant suits in soft and sumptuous sueded gabardine; and short-sleeve, double-breasted jackets with co-ordinating shorts and pleated skirts as well as a swing dress made in cool , go-anywhere linen for summer fun and ease.

There are also separates such as a tuxedo grouping of pants, shell, skirt, blazer and jacket in summer weight crepe for that elegant, touch of class look. And of course, easy, comfortable knitwear in 100 percent cotton for the woman on the go.

Flomen, who founded her Cumberland Street store in 1971 — then called Lady Madonna and later changed to Rhonda Maternity — works closely with several suppliers to develop the Rhonda Maternity private label which has rapidly evolved into an affordable high styled line for today's sophisticated woman.

Above all, the Rhonda Maternity line of clothing is reasonably priced with skirts and pants in the $79-$89 range, jackets $129-$189 and dresses $179-$199. "Everything we carry must be affordable," Flomen emphasizes. "We understand that women want to look good without spending a fortune.

"Our line reflects women's new standards — upscale, high-fashion, and corporate but not stuffy. We try to merchandise our pieces so that they work together to create many different looks for different occasions.

"We think of ourselves as more than just a maternity store. We're also fashion consultants, always working with our customers to help them dress well from the first day of their pregnancy until after the baby is born and they're ready to return to their regular wardrobe."

Rhonda Maternity has three locations in the Toronto area: 110 Cumberland (Downtown), (416) 921-3116; 7355 Bayview Ave. in Thornhill, (416) 764-3205; 1900 Dundas St. West in Mississauga, (416) 885-1265.

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Slack's is a wholesale outlet geared to providing customer service. They have a knowledgeable and experienced staff at both their locations. "Our staff has been with us for years" says Marty.

Isaac Shlagbaum, Marty's father, opened the first Slack's store 40 years ago. They left the original Spadina Avenue location three years ago, moving north to Finch and Dufferin. Recently Slack's opened a second location in Lawrence Plaza. "We have a loyal clientele and they were happy when we moved closer to them," says Marty.

His parents, Isaac and Bertha, were always in the store to serve customers, and so now Marty and his wife Rachel are carrying on in the Slack's tradition. He spends his time at the Lawrence Plaza store, and Rachel works at the Finch Avenue location.

Marty, 41, worked in the family business as a teenager, and it makes him especially happy to serve today's parents. He remembers many of them when they were children and now they return with their own children. "It gives us great satisfaction to see them. They're in their twenties now and we're helping their children."

Slack's can outfit a child head to toe, inside to outside. They have everything from socks and underwear to dresses, boys' pant sets, outerwear, jogging suits, legging sets, boys' ties and shoes. "We have the largest selection of boy's wear in Toronto," says Marty.

In one stop, a mother-to-be can get everything she needs for layette, including bibs, sleepers and underwear.

Slack's carries infants' wear in sizes 12 to 24 months and children's clothing up to size 16.

Both of their stores are user friendly, which makes shopping there a pleasure. Merchandise is neatly organized, and the various size groupings are displayed so they are easy for the customer to find.

Slack's customers come from all over southern and northern Ontario, some from as far away as Thunder Bay. Marty says out-of-towners usually arrive on Sundays.

Slack's made it into *Toronto Life Magazine*'s January 1993 Cheapo guide (Where To Get Stuff Cheap). The *Toronto Life* guide is well-known for listing selected stores that sell top-quality merchandise at reasonable prices.

The Finch Avenue location (near Dufferin) is open Mondays and Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (416) 739-8759.

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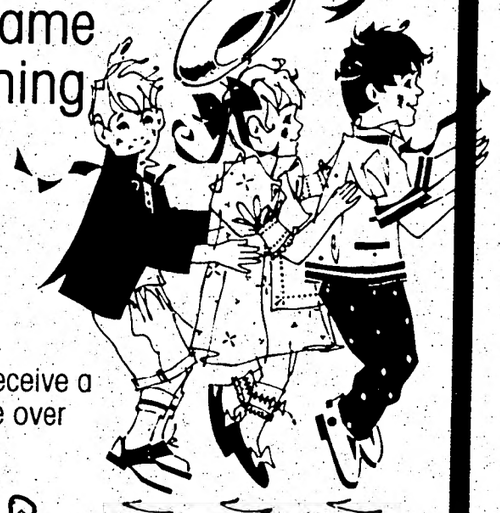

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Comfort, fit, style and durability will all be yours when you shop at Marquis Shoes, a store specializing in women's fine footwear, located at 3237 Yonge St., three blocks north of Lawrence.

Owner Howard Share, who has been in the footwear industry for 20 years, and in his own business for over six years, prides himself on the personal service provided by him and his courteous, helpful, trained staff.

Fit is of the utmost importance when purchasing shoes and at Marquis, it is not compromised for style. Share, an experienced buyer, concentrates on shoes that have a reputation for good fit. "Podiatrists have sent customers to us because they know their patients will get the right shoes."

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Marquis carries shoes from Canadian manufacturers such as La Vallée and Thomas Wallace who offer true combination fittings. High-grade Italian footwear from such suppliers as Rangoni, Sesto Meucci, Van Eli and Spanish shoes from Stuart Weitzman "offer comfort and fun to our collection. I try to bring in unique styles which are not found everywhere else."

Those with narrow feet will be happy to note that beginning this year, Marquis is carrying AAA width shoes in addition to the AA and B fittings already available. With a size range from four to 11, most people will find shoes in their size. "I keep hearing from our new customers that they are happy to be able to find fun, fashionable shoes that fit and are comfortable as well."

Best value

Share is quite aware of the hard economic times, and as a result, concentrates on buying merchandise that offers consumers the best value for their dollar. "I find customers do not mind spending a few extra dollars for shoes if they know they are getting everything they want — a long-lasting shoe that fits properly, looks good and is comfortable."

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Karate champs' school trains 1990s Samurai

If you thought karate was about Bruce Lee's deadly pirouettes or the cartoon capers of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, meet Wally Slocki and Harold Warden — but preferably not in a dark alley.

The two black belt champions, both in their late 40s and friends for over two decades, have ridden the wave of interest in the martial arts in recent years to create one of Canada's largest and most successful karate school chains. Fuelled by fears of violent crime, rape and child abduction, their Toronto-based Superkids Karate, founded in 1988, today operates 16 franchises including their headquarters on Steeles Avenue West in Thornhill. Superkids has attracted 4,500 disciples from British Columbia to Ontario ranging from 3-year-old tykes to a 62-year-old grandmother.

Slocki and Warden's formula updates the ancient martial arts form developed to train Japanese Samurai. International karate superstar Slocki, the only Canadian inducted into the U.S. Black Belt Hall of Fame and winner of the 1988 World Karate Championship, calls his techniques Slocki-Ryu (method). It combines, in a contemporary context, self-defence elements from karate, aikido, jiu-jitsu, tae-kwon-do and kung-fu, inner discipline, basic anatomy lessons (the major muscles, organs and bones) and "Street-Smart," a streetproofing course taught exclusively at Superkids.

"When we first started we were only going to teach children," explains Warden, who is listed in the Guiness Book of World Records for chopping 3,700 bricks with his bare hands in two hours and 59 minutes for a United Way fundraiser. "That's the part of karate I find most rewarding. But parents liked what we were doing and asked if we had a program for them."

Parents find Superkids' unique curriculum of exercise, self-respect and etiquette gives their children something lacking in today's schools. And so after 3:30 p.m. and on weekends, their children — garbed in a traditional white gi (Japanese for karate uniform) and barefoot — enter the dojo, a shoji-screened sparring court, bow, and punch-kick-pivot their way through their ritual kata.

Slocki-Ryu's self-confidence building extends far beyond the gym, affecting one's attitude to life, the two partners explain. Children are issued a monthly report card that must be filled out by their parents on home conduct and cleanliness. Similarly students must maintain a B average at school to advance to their next belt. Even the color of the robe is significant. Black gowns, popular in other karate schools, have a connotation of motorcycle gangs and egregious violence, asserts Warden.

It is this attention to detail that distinguishes Superkids from other martial arts schools,they say. While many other dojos have concrete floors covered with carpeting, Superkids features a custom-built shock-absorbing wall-to-wall safety pad. "Would you consider running without running shoes?," asks Warden. "Working out barefoot on concrete is like running barefoot."

Unlike some martial arts academies where the emphasis is on competitive training, Superkids Karate decidedly stresses non-aggressive self-defence skills and non-competitive personal development.

All Superkids sensei (instructors) are black belt holders who have graduated from the Coaching Association of Canada's certification program. The school belongs to the National Karate Association and Karate Ontario, the official governing body for the sport in the province.

Another unique aspect of Superkids is its mandatory trial period. Before being accepted to the program, applicants must attend 2-5 lessons where they're observed for attitude, respect, effort and interest to ensure a safe environment. "We want to make sure that the clients we have are the clents we want to have," says Warden. "There is enough violence in society. We try not to teach that violent aspect," Slocki says adamantly. And tournament competition for younger children is frowned on too. "It often does more harm than good," he adds.

"Karate is something you can do your whole life and still learn. It's one of the safest sports you can play," he adds, citing a U.S. government study showing golf is more dangerous than karate.

"The people who come here are not paranoid about being mugged. If they were, they would carry weapons. Karate keeps you in good physical shape. It's a hobby. It gives you an edge. Your reflexes are faster. It's good for concentration and being in control. You never have to be physically threatened."

Classes for 6-12 years, teens and adults are available. Superkids have locations in Thornhill, Willowdale, Unionville and Mississauga areas, and they will also recommend a school in your area if you are not close to a Superkids location. Call 738-1010 9 a.m.-9 p.m. for further information.

This detachable skirt may be removed for the reception. Above, the pant suit ensemble is strikingly practical. Outfits and accessories by Di Santo.

CHEZ MOI:

Designer creates...

By MARLA KAY & STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Chin, chin to Ines Di Santo and her spring/summer collection of bridal gowns!

For those of us who don't know the phrase chin, chin, originally from Di Santo's home country of Argentina, means a toast.

The reason behind the kudos is two-fold. A recent showing to the press not only revealed her newest bridal masterpieces but it also introduced the new Chez Moi boutique which is located at 1931 Avenue Rd.

The striking black and bronze lettering on the store's facade lets customers know that they have found Chez Moi and once inside the excitment of a wedding surrounds you.

"I believe in marriage," says Di Santo. "There is a certain fantasy that surrounds the entire collection. I express all my feelings in every dress I design."

At Chez Moi, brides have the option of purchasing one of the numerous samples from the racks of unique dresses or they may opt to have Di Santo create their dream gown.

"I consult with the bride and assess her personality and tastes. Some want very traditional dresses so I will incorporate a beaded top and use lace, organza, satin, chanta and silks to achieve this look. When a bride wants a modern design, I use a more open cut and more detailing such as flowers and embroidery along with loads of beads and crystals.

"This type will show more skin and may also include a cape. For a more modern gown, I can also create a dress with a short skirt and a long detachable overskirt that is taken off for the reception," she says, gesturing to just such a design.

"For the bride that is in-between, I will create a gown that is softer. It is more subtle with not too much detailing. It will be sophisticated but elegant with a quieter look."

Let's not forget the other important female members of the bridal party. Di Santo feels that "the mother of the bride or groom must look fantastic. This is a milestone in her life she will never forget and she must look how she feels."

For the mothers, Di Santo designs suits or dresses depending on the formality of the wedding. If the

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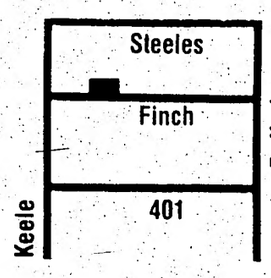

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Fashion

Di Santo designs the gown to suit the bride's personality and tastes. Traditional, modern or in-between — a variety of styles are available.

...fantasy gowns

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party is formal, a dress, either long or short, with hand embroidery, beading and/or crystals is perfect. If the affair is informal, Di Santo suggests a suit with subtle detailing.

Bridesmaids are ensured of a style that will suit the individual and flatter the figure.

"I guarantee that I can take 10 pounds off anyone," Di Santo says proudly.

Chez Moi carries a large selection of fabrics and colors and this makes it easy for the bride to coordinate the entire bridal party.

The fabrics are Italian designer materials from Ungaro, Valentino, Dior and Lanchette. The laces are from France and Switzerland.

Di Santo started her own business in 1984 in a small store in the Bathurst /Sheppard area. As her company grew, she needed larger premises and moved to a new location on 3850 Steeles Ave. W. Today, despite the recession, Chez Moi continues to grow.

The Avenue Road location was selected because the site is centrally located. She explains that while the Woodbridge store caters mostly to the Italian community, her new boutique will be more convenient for the downtown Jewish community.

Chez Moi also carries accessories including hats, purses, jewelry and Di Santo designer headpieces.

"This is the most important day in a girl's life and I want every bride to feel like a princess. When I see her face light up when she tries on her gown, I know all my work was worth it."

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Lingerie targets oversize figures

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Lingerie for the big and beautiful was the focus of a recent seminar sponsored by Big Time Fashion Resale and Tres Jolie Fine Lingerie.

With an eye-catching display of lace teddies, merry widows, underwear, camisole sets and vibrantly colored robes, seminar organizers made it clear that oversized women have no limits in their choice of lingerie.

The seminar was the first in a series organized by Leona, Marla and Steven Lewis, owners of Big Time Fashion Resale, a store that combines the concepts of women's and men's large sizes and resale.

The seminars are designed to give advice to the fuller figured woman. At each seminar, the store will team up with experts in such areas as bathing suits, aerobic wear and sportswear in order to show an oversized woman what is available and flattering in her size.

"The issues of weight, self esteem and size are major issues with which large-scale women constantly grapple," say the Lewises.

Nancy Redfern, owner of Tres Jolie, says that over the past year she has noticed more and more North American manufacturers designing lingerie for the full-figured woman. "We now carry a dozen lines of lingerie, a dozen lines of bras and a catalogue of sensuous lingerie called Intimate Attitudes. Forty percent of our customers are full-figured women with good self-esteem."

Seminar participants were treated to an exciting fashion show featuring such items as an embossed, purple-on-purple pajama set trimmed with lace and set in long lines so the woman is not chopped at the waist or hips. A black satin nightgown, slit up the front and topped with spaghetti straps, was paired with a rayon printed robe in black and pink to create a romantic look.

Satin peignoir sets in ivory, navy and a variety of spring colors had fitted bodices and lace trim. A red satin camisole set had a straight neckline to deemphasize the bust and cap pants to hide hips and thighs.

As for bras, Redfern says there is a wide variety on the market ranging from those with soft cups and no underwire to seamless bras for use under knits and sports bras lined with cotton. "Fit is the utmost importance when choosing a bra and surprisingly, 80 percent of women wear the wrong bra size."

She advises women to buy bras fitted for the middle hook to allow for a change in size and to make sure that straps are adjustable. "Every woman should be fitted properly to ensure that there are no bulges and that the back is not too loose or tight. A little extra padding at the shoulder prevents the straps from digging into the skin and a thicker strap is used to spread out the weight. It is important to remember that different lines have different sizes so do not have a preconceived notion of what bra size to buy. You must be measured."

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Executives should check their benefits

TORONTO — Executives laid off from work should carefully check the status of their group life and disability policies, according to the Life Underwriters Association of Toronto (LUAT).

"If you are laid off from work, make sure you understand how it will affect your group insurance benefits," says Ted B. Snider, president of LUAT. "For example, if you are given notice, your group disablility policy should be extended to cover the notice period. Even if the company pays you a lump sum amount instead of giving you notice, they must still extend your disability life insurance coverage for the legal notice period."

(Under the Ontario Employment Standards Act, the legal notice period is determined by the employee's length of employment. For the first three months, no notice is required. Three to 12 months, one week notice. One to three years, two weeks notice. Three to four years, three weeks notice. From four to eight years, notice period increases by one week for each year of employment. Eight weeks notice is the maximum notice period in Ontario.)

Snider notes that executives are most affected by this issue because they usually rely more heavily on group life insurance programs than other employees. He adds that there are a number of other issues regarding group insurance that people should consider if they are laid off:

• Be careful not to sign away any rights to insurance benefits when negotiating a settlement with your employer. In many cases, dismissed employees accept a cash settlement without considering the value of their group insurance policies.

• If you purchase individual policies to replace your group policies following dismissal and then win a wrongful-dismissal suit, your former employer may be required to compensate you for the premiums paid on the individual policies.

• If the employer offers you individual insurance coverage during the severance period, make sure the coverage is adequate for your needs. In most cases, it is advisable to stay in the group plan.

• If you are uninsurable, serious consideration should be given to converting your group benefits to an individual plan before they expire.

"The important thing to remember," Snider adds, "is that your group insurance benefits have a value that should be entered into negotiations with your employer. They should not be given away without some consideration."

The Life Underwriters Association of Toronto has a membership of about 3,000 life insurance agents and financial planners from Metropolitan Toronto. The LUAT, founded in 1906, is a non-profit organization and a member of the Life Underwriters Association of Canada (LUAC).

TV program promotes Israel

TORONTO — For the first time ever, a television series, devoted entirely to Israel, is being aired nationally on a Canadian network.

Israel Today, the brainchild of *CJN* Managing Editor Len Butcher, debuted last Thursday on Vision Television which has 6.7 million subscribers across Canada.

"The idea," says Butcher, "really came out of a discussion I had with Ruth Ben-Tsur, the director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada. I had met Ruth in Israel last year and when she assumed her new post in Toronto, we got together for dinner to discuss ways of promoting Israel.

"She was well aware of the role the *CJN* has always played, so it was kind of a brainstorming session focussing on ways to overcome the negative image Israel has in Canada created by the media.

"I felt that television was the answer if someone would be willing to air a series solely on Israel. My initial idea was to produce a series where each program would focus on a different aspect of life in Israel because I believe that is where the problem lies. People who have never been to Israel know nothing about the people--who they are and how they live.

"Many people don't even realize that most Israelis speak English and they are overwhelmed--and a bit disbelieving--when I tell them of the accomplishments the Israelis have made in their country.

"No-one, whether they be Christian or Jew, can go to Israel without feeling a sense of awe, a spiritual uplifting, an amazement at how this ancient country has been able to move into the 20th century without diminishing in any way its biblical past and rich culture."

His goal, says Butcher, was to show this positive side of the Holy Land so that people "will have a greater understanding of Israel. I think this accomplishes two things. First, hopefully, it may be a step in fighting anti-Semitism. People fear what they don't know. Secondly, it might attract more people to visit Israel and this helps Israel's economy."

Easier said than done

Butcher knew that to get a program such as this on television, he would have to approach the cable networks. "I first chose Vision because I had heard there was a 'good guy' working there named Richard Landau who was handling the network's Mosaic programming. I met with Richard and what I'd heard was true. He loved the idea and we went from there."

Unfortunately, as Butcher found out, things are easier said than done. "My first problem was the cost of the show. To do the format I wanted was much too expensive, even with the wonderful co-operation from the Israel Government Tourist Office and El Al. The CRTC allows only three minutes of commercials for a 30-minute show so I couldn't realize enough revenue from that. I tried approaching several Jewish organizations and private individuals, but money is very tight in this economy and that fell through. I was at an impasse."

A break came, however, when Butcher met Avi Armoza, the producer of a program called Jerusalem On Line which features life in Israel but is done *CNN*-style with short segments. It was exactly what Butcher wanted to do but in a slightly different format, and Armoza was looking for Canadian distribution.

"To make a long story short, Avi and I made a deal that cut my costs way down, giving me a chance to put the series together. But I still only had commitments from Ruth Ben-Tsur at the IGTO and Yona Nechustan at El Al. More revenue was needed. Fortunately, I was able to sell enough advertising to get the show on air but we are still looking for sponsors.

Butcher says he feels it is an important show, not just for the Jewish community, but for everyone. "Showing Israel as it really is creates a better understanding between Jews and non-Jews and if the series accomplishes nothing more, I will have succeeded in my goal."

Israel Today airs every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. and is repeated three times on Friday at 12:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For more information call Len Butcher at (416)949-8167.

Computer deciphers doctors' prescriptions

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The scene is familiar to anyone who has visited a doctor's office, even for something as minor as a sore throat.

As you prepare to depart, the physician scrawls out a prescription that you hope will be good for what ails you.

You look at the scrap of paper, turn it over, hold it up to the light and wonder if you're the only one who has trouble making heads to tails out of the scratches that pass for writing.

Your anxiety increases when you hand the prescription to your pharmacist. You hope the druggist will have more luck in deciphering the inscrutable writing than you.

Since it doesn't appear that doctors are rushing off to enroll in penmanship classes, the principals behind the Kol Vox computer company think they have hit upon an alternate solution.

Under the system they are marketing, physicians won't have to put pen to paper but merely speak into a microphone and a computer will translate their voices into written form. A neatly-typed note will emerge out of a printer.

The program that allows the computer to do this, and the hardware that goes along with it, are the stock-in-trade of Kol Vox Inc., a two-year-old Toronto-based firm.

The "Power Talk" system piggybacks onto existing software packages allowing you to use a computer without having to touch a keypad, said Dan Thompson, a part owner of the company and its sales and marketing specialist.

Thompson is partners with Isaac Raichyk and Ted and Boaz Fletcher in the high tech company. Raichyk and Boaz got the technology from Dragon Systems Inc. in Boston and modified it to create Kol Vox's own Power Talk system.

Initially, Kol Vox (which combines the Hebrew and Latin words for All Voice) geared its marketing efforts at companies employing the disabled. Thompson, a paraplegic, said the system "creates an equal playing field, eliminating any barriers in the workplace."

After demonstrating the technology by dictating a letter and then updating customers' files by voice commands, Thompson said the system enables him "to feel good about myself because I'm producing independent of others."

While the disabled were a primary market for Kol Vox at one time, the company has now set its sights on the medical and legal professions.

Many doctors and lawyers have a "phobia" about using a keyboard attached to a computer or see it as beneath them to do that sort of work, Thompson said.

Raichyk, who grew up in Israel, said Kol Vox is marketing a program to improve doctors' efficiency. The program permits them to arrange billing, dictate a visit report and print it out before the patient even leaves the office.

The computer can even be hooked up in a way that would permit the electronic transfer of funds into the doctor's account — again, before the patient leaves the office, he said.

There's an added bonus for doctors and patients alike, adds Thompson. Since the computer acts on voice commands, a patient can listen in on his or her doctor's report and prescription, providing an opportunity to correct any errors that are being made.

The system is also beneficial to lawyers, Thompson says, since it enables them to dictate letters and documents directly, without having to check a stenographer's work.

Raichyk said that in the company's first year of operations, they did $1-million worth of business and showed a small profit.

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Don't count on retirement pension

If you're looking forward to retiring comfortably on government or company pension plans, you may be setting yourself up for an unpleasant surprise later in life. The sad truth is, pensions alone may not allow many Canadians to retire with a lifestyle even close to the one they had in mind.

Consider this fact: nearly half of Canada's senior citizens today qualify for the government's Guaranteed Income Supplement — which means they live at the minimum subsistence level defined by North American standards.

The only income some retirees have today is their government Old Age Security (OAS) and Canada Pension Plan (CPP) retirement benefits. And these plans just aren't enough to provide a substantial retirement income. Last year, for instance, the basic monthly OAS payment was under $400, and the maximum monthly CPP payment possible, after years of contributions, was about $700.

In future, it could be even harder to survive on government pensions. The percentage of Canada's population represented by senior citizens is growing rapidly. Many more retired people will draw from government pension coffers over the next few decades, with a proportionally smaller base of working people to support the plans. Realistically, governments may not be able to provide as "generously" for their citizens ten or 20 years from now.

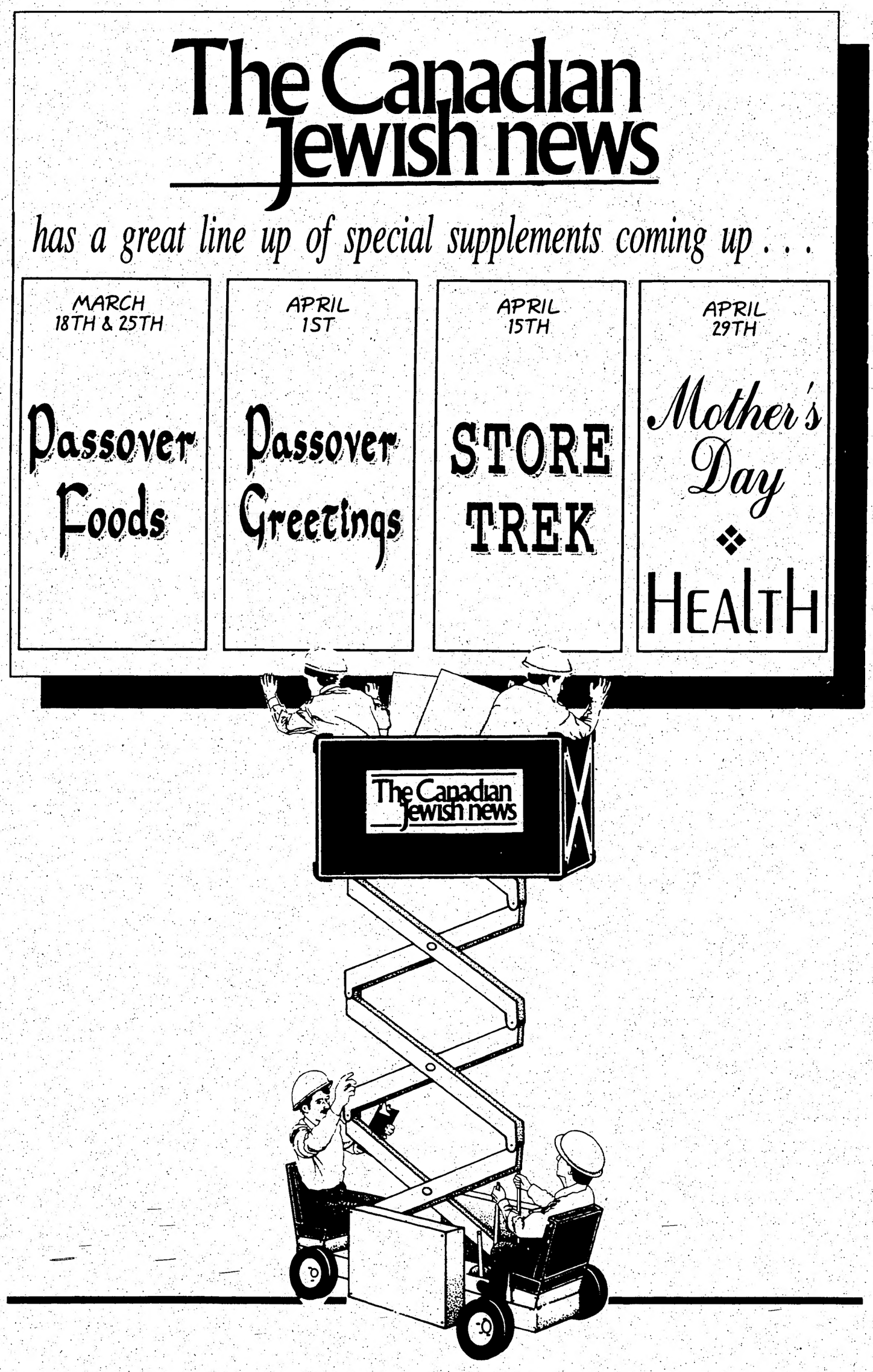
Inflation erodes pension

Nor can many people count on company pensions. Today, many firms provide no pensions at all. Even those lucky enough to have a traditional "defined benefit" pension plan receive payments after retirement based on their contributions. So, if they haven't paid into the plan over an extended period of time, their payments after retirement won't be sizable. Typically, under a defined benefit plan, you have to work for the same company for about 30 years to get a gross retirement income equal to about 60 percent of your annual pre-retirement income. Even pensions for federal government employees, which are considered to be among the country's most attractive, only pay two percent annually for each year of pensionable service to a maximum of 70 percent after 35 years.

While govenment pensions are indexed for inflation, many company plans are only partially indexed or not at all. Today's rate of inflation is low; but there's no assurance it will stay that way in future. Unfortunately, even a moderate level of inflation can rapidly eat away at your pension's real value.

Here's an example. If inflation averages six or seven percent annually, it will only take 12 years to cut the buying power of an unindexed pension in half. If you retire at 65 and live to be 90, your pension in real terms could easily be less than a quarter of what it was when you started.

The hard conclusion is that pensions aren't the full answer if you're looking for a financially comfortable retirement.



Canada's exports to Israel down by 12 percent

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Canada continued to import Israeli goods at a brisk pace last year but the flip side is that Canadian exports to Israel were down in 1992 by the biggest margin in years.

Figures released to *The CJN* by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Statistics Canada show that Canada imported $131.5 million (Cdn.) worth of Israeli products last year, a four percent increase over the year before.

In fact, Israel in 1992 was Canada's second largest source of imports in the Middle East, behind Saudi Arabia.

The bright trade numbers were dimmed somewhat by the fact that the value of Canadian exports to Israel dropped 12 percent last year to $116.6 million (Cdn.) worth of goods, one of the lowest totals in years.

Among the 19 Mideast nations trading with Canada, Israel was the fourth best customer for our products, behind Iran, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

In 1991, Canada's leading export to Israel was lumber, followed by aluminum, sulphur and wood pulp.

Also in 1991, Canada's leading import from Israel, by far, was diamonds, over $36 million worth. A distant second and third were petrolium oils and tiles, respectively.

The breakdown of leading products imported and exported between Canada and Israel last year will not be released for a few weeks.

But Danny Fleishman of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce feels the dip in Canadian exports to Israel is a result of Israel buying less lumber last year.

Israel likely has a lumber surplus and because of budget constraints, is building homes for immigrants at a slower pace than was expected, Fleishman said.

The drop in the value of Canadian products exported to Israel is indicative of Israel's general decrease in the level of all its imports, said Michael Wooff of the Israel Trade Desk at the Department of External Affairs.

Mainly, Canada's trade with Mideast countries consists of swapping their oil and oil products for our barley and wheat, Wooff told *The CJN*.

In Israel's case, trade with Canada is "healthy and much more diversified," he said.

Financial market is heating up

TEL AVIV —

The Israeli financial market is heating up with three times as many new underwritings in 1992 as compared to last year.

Shlomo Recht, managing director of Poalim Capital Markets and Investments Ltd., the country's major financial underwriters, anticipates that this trend will continue based on the dramatic liberalization of capital markets here.

During the first 10 months of 1992, it was reported, 97 new underwritings amounting to approximately $875 million (U.S.) were completed, in contrast to 47 for approximtely $350 million, during the entire previous year. Poalim, it was stated, was lead manager for underwritings amounting to $270 million, which accounted for more than 30 percent of the Israeli market this year to date.

Experts of Poalim Capital Markets and Investments, a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, state that recent permission for Israeli provident funds to invest freely in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange is releasing many hundreds of millions of shekels for investment in new share issues.

The expected approval for Israeli pension funds to also invest in the Tel Aviv Exchange will release similar amounts of capital to the investment market in 1993.

Privatization measures expected to be undertaken by the new Israeli government will enhance investment opportunities to be offered the public and financial groups in Israel and abroad. Among these offerings will be the country's three leading banks; Hapoalim, Bank Leumi and the Israel Discount Bank, along with other major corporations, shares of which will amount to close to one billion dollars.

Recent successful underwritings, headed by the largest to date, a part of Israel Chemicals Ltd. for more than $220 million in which Poalim was the lead underwriter, is giving strong impetus to this new trend, according to Shlomo Recht.

Eight successful offerings for Israeli companies were also conducted on Wall Street and the OTC in New York, led by a $250 million underwriting for Scitex, and including: E.C.I. Telecom, $75 million; P.E.C. (Israel Economic Corp.), $50 million; Elscint, $26 million; and Teledata, $38.5 million.

Hopes for a new era of understanding in the Middle East are also said to be directing many major financial institutions in the United States and Europe to look positively at the profit potential in Israeli offerings. The financing products, know-how, capital and favorable atmosphere-today is beginning to make Israel a highly promising investment market, it was emphasized by the manager of Poalim Capital Markets and Investments Ltd.

Canucks ready for domestic vehicles: CAA

TORONTO —

Canadians are ready to buy domestic cars, mini-vans and pick-up trucks, according to the 3.5 million member, not-for-profit Canadian Automobile Association's *Autopinion Annual '93*.

In CAA's annual nation-wide Vehicle Durability Survey, Canadians were asked what model car they planned to buy next. With over 200 models from which to choose, the Honda Accord tops CAA's 'most wanted' list for the third year in a row. Fully 6.1 percent of the over 30,000 respondents named the Accord as the vehicle they were "most likely to purchase" next. The Accord edged out the Dodge Caravan and the Toyota Camry.

Of the 21 most wanted new vehicles, 14 models are domestic nameplates. The list is dominated by Ford (six models), General Motors (five models), Chrysler (four models) and Toyota (three models).

Also among the 21 models wanted by at least one per cent of respondents, are two mini-vans, two multi-purpose vehicles and the first pick-up to break into the top 10.

The most wanted include, in order from the top: Honda Accord, Dodge Caravan, Toyota Camry, Ford Taurus/Mercury Sable,tie between Honda Civic and Toyota Corolla, Ford LTD Crown Victoria , Ford Tempo/Mercury Topaz, Buick LeSabre, Chevrolet Cavalier, Ford Pick-up F-series.

Also includes Plymouth Voyager, Mini Ram Van and Chrysler Town and Country Wagon.

Also includes Mercury Grand Marquis and Colony Park.

According to CAA President Michael McNeil, "The results of this survey clearly show how Canadians are changing their view of what a 'car' is. The trend is to more domestic vehicles that are some combinmation of car, truck and van."

CAA has been pressing the federal government to extend automobile safety standards to all light trucks and vans, because an increasing number of Canadian families are being transported in these vehicles.

The results of CAA's annual Vehicle Durability Survey are available in *Autopinion Annual '93*, in stores and CAA offices now. *Autopinion Annual '93* is Canada's only complete car buying guide for buyers of both new and used cars. In addition to results of the CAA survey, regular features include specifications and safety features of all new car models, recall notices, child restraint public notices, used car frequency of repair charts, fuel consumption ratings, feature articles and many useful tips.

Fund to support Israeli Christians

TORONTO —

Communal-development projects in the Christian sector, comprising about one-fifth of Israel's Arab population, are to receive support from a new development fund. The fund will be an international instrument, initially dispensing $10 million. This announcement was made by Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chairman of the executive of the International Council of Christians and Jews, speaking before the Jerusalem Rotary Club.

The Development Fund for Christians in Israel is to be established by an association which will initially be registered in Israel by its founders: Justice Salim Jubran, who is also currently governor of the Israel Rotary region, Moshe Sanbar, chairman of the board of Bank Leumi le-Israel, and Sir Sigmund, the Paul Harris Fellow of the London Rotary Club.

The founders plan to co-opt major donors and international personages into the association. A public council of up to 27 public figures, primarily from the Christian communities in Israel, will be formed.

The Arab-Israel Bank, a member of the Bank Leumi Group, will implement all financial activities of the fund through its 29 branches in the country. The Development Fund for Christians in Israel will provide medium-term financing for entrepreneurs and municipalities, and long-term financing for infrastructure systems and development. Emphasis is to be placed on activities which create new jobs.

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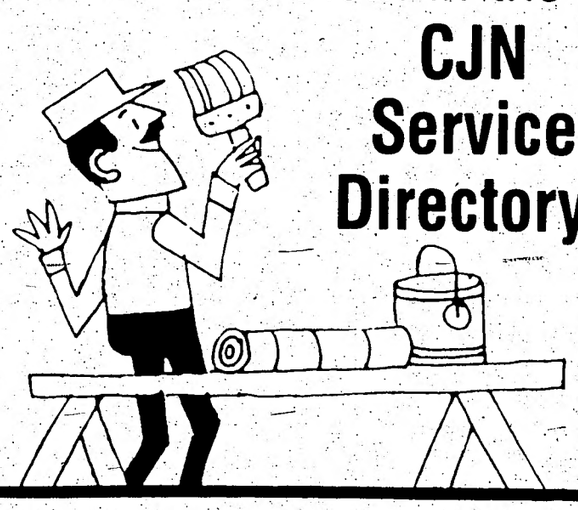

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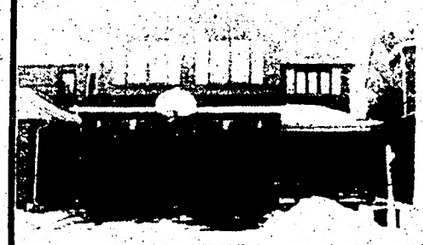

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BBC trip to Germany focus of report

OTTAWA — B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs has released a report on right wing extremism, anti-Semitism and anti-foreigner violence in Germany.

Based on the findings of a recent investigative mission, the report provides an analysis of factors underlying the rise in xenophobia and racist violence in Germany since reunification.

B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) has for some time expressed its concerns to Germany's leadership over events in Hoyaswerda, Rostock, Sachsenhausen, Moelin and elsewhere.

The B'nai Brith delegation met with senior government officials and members of the opposition, academics, leaders of the German Catholic Church and representatives of the country's Jewish and Turkish communities.

Participants included Prof. Stephen Scheinberg, Kurt Rothschild, Allen Feig, Maurice Sadeh and Ian J. Kagedan.

The report offers the following observations:

— Since the fall of the Communist regimes in Eastern Europe and the unification of West and East Germany, the German state has absorbed the major share of asylum seekers fleeing areas of conflict to the east. The burden of absorbing asylum seekers should be better shared within Europe and within the global community.

Among those seeking asylum in Germany are economic migrants whom the German state justifiably seeks to discourage in their recourse to the asylum laws as a means of gaining entry into the country. While revision of the asylum law is in order to halt the flow of economic migrants, we are concerned that present legislation will endanger those genuinely in need of asylum.

Zundel said to have "little impact"

— Germany delayed dealing effectively with anti-foreigner sentiments. Delays encouraged an escalation of violence, resulting in fire bombing, assaults and deaths. New initiatives undertaken will hopefully deal with this challenge but additional efforts are in order to deal with a strengthened neo-Nazi cadre.

— Neo-Nazis, skinheads and the extreme right are a source of considerable trouble yet it does not appear that they have emerged as a potent political force. There is great concern over these groups arming themselves.

— The lack of effective central leadership in the extreme right notwithstanding, its agenda has affected normative politics. A ready example is the retreat of the Social Democrats on the asylum issue and their refusal to link support for asylym law changes to changes in citizenship laws to permit foreigners to gain citizenship.

— The "ancestry" definition of entitlement to German citizenship may be a root cause of xenophobia. We are concerned that the auslander label of today could turn into the yellow star of tomorrow.

— In the city of Frankfurt, whose population is 25 percent "foreigner," and at the Central Council of German Catholics we found encouraging interest in multiculturalism.

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Arts directory planned

TORONTO — Calling all Jewish artists, writers, actors, musicians and other *artistes*.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is seeking Toronto's Jewish artistic types for its Jewish Arts Directory.

The directory, the first of its kind in Toronto, will serve as a central resource for Jewish artists in a way previously unavailable to them, say Cyrel Troster and Brooky Robins, co-chairs of the federation's fine and dramatic arts committee.

The directory, to be published under Federation's auspices, will enable artists "who want to identify themselves with the Jewish community to communicate with each other and with the community," says Troster.

Intended as a resource, the directory plans to list Jewish artists, writers, filmmakers, actors, available grants and foundations as well as where to find educational outlets, visual and performing arts venues and art materials. It will also include a listing of exhibition and rehearsal spaces in buildings owned by Jewish organizations.

Jewish Information Service (JIS), a Federation department, will compile the information. Synagogues and Jewish organizations have been asked to submit information on theatre and exhibit spaces.

According to Shawn Zevit, a writer, director, actor and performing arts instructor, many Jewish artists are beginning to awaken to and explore their Jewish identity.

The directory will help Jewish artists network and help to reinforce Jewishness in the arts, federation adds.

So far, several Jewish groups have been contacted for inclusion in the directory.

Ontario's Ministry of Culture and Communications recently approved a $5,000 grant toward the directory's publication.

There is no charge for inclusion and the deadline for submissions is mid-March.

Applications are available through Federation. Those interested should contact Lil Moses at (416) 635-2883, ext. 111.

Bubbie Break

TORONTO — Marion Schwartz, host and executive producer of North America's first non-denominational television series dedicated to grandparenting, can hardly wait until the inside story of *The Bubbie Break* airs next month.

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Recently, Schwartz was in San Francisco attending a television trade convention. There, she was approached by a television crew from the local NBC affiliate. The crew followed her around for three days to make a mini-documentary.

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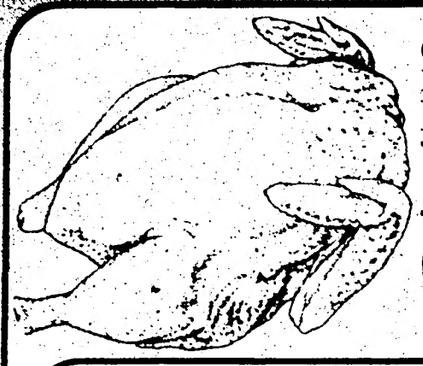

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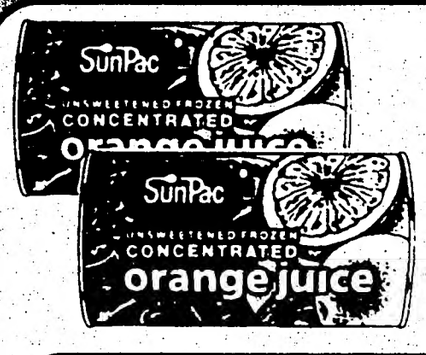

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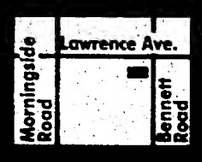

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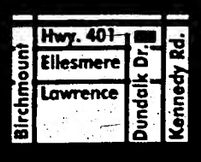

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So with this in mind we created this Passover Guide to help get you started with holiday planning. You will discover new Passover Recipes plus there is a dazzling selection of Kosher for Passover Foods available this year.

I invite you all to let the spirit and enduring relevance of Passover enrich our lives, renew our faith and enhance our commitment to the cause of freedom.

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Yours truly,
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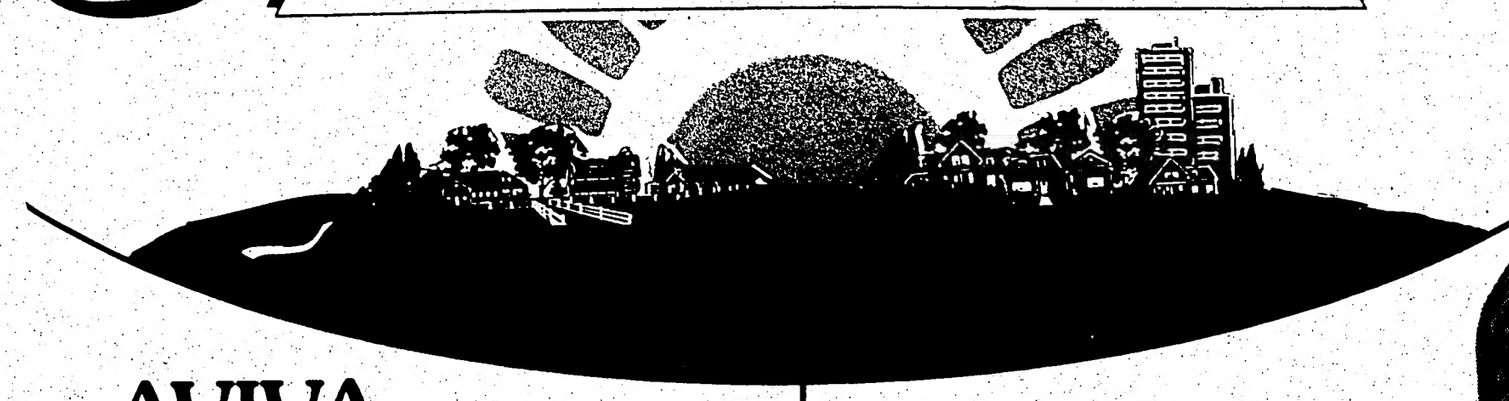

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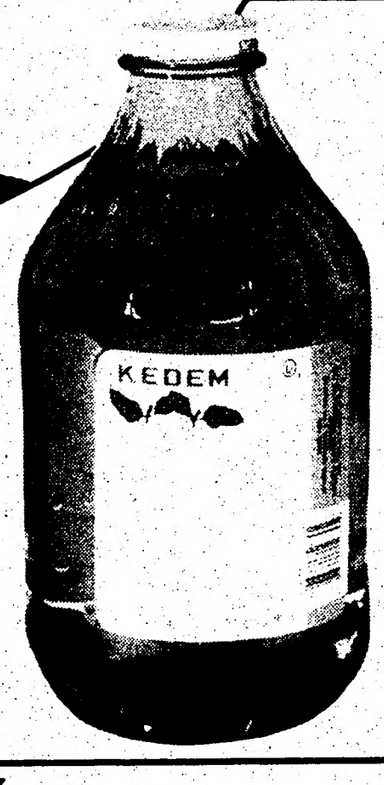

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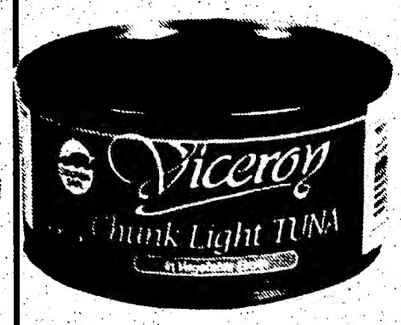

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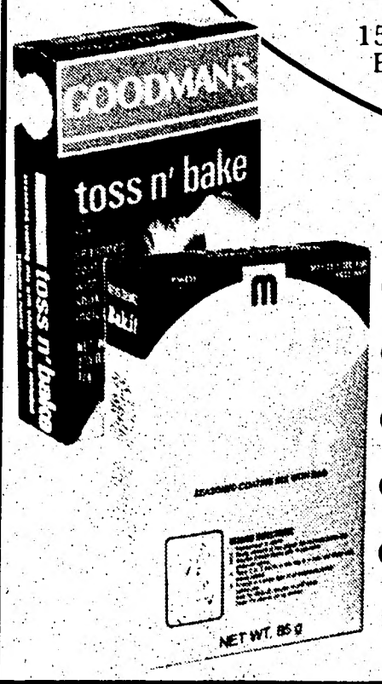

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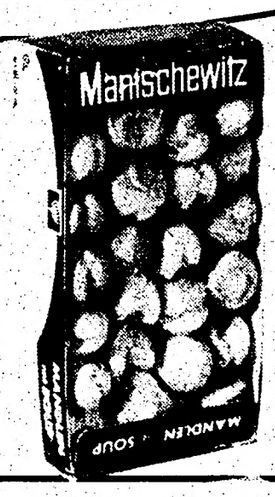

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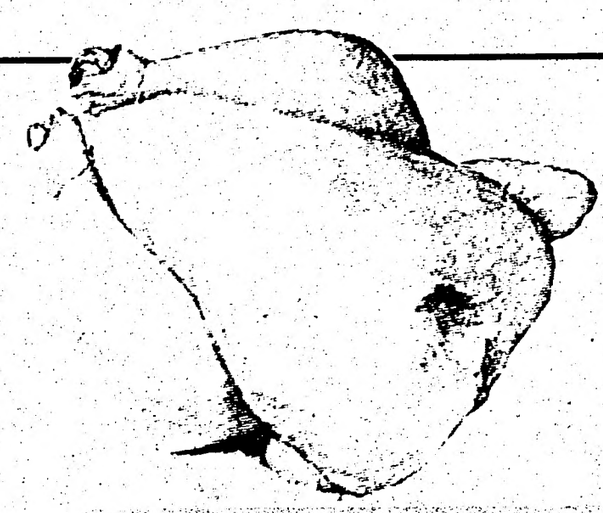

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PASSOVER RECIPES

HUNGARIAN COOKIES

1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
3/4 cup cake meal
1 cup nuts, chopped
1 teaspoon lemon juice

Combine all ingredients and drop by teaspoonful on greased cookie sheet. Make indentation with thumb in center of cookie batter. Bake at 450°, 5-8 minutes.
Top with jam

From The Kitchen of Mrs. Shapiro

MATZO STUFFING

6-8 matzos, finely broken
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup diced onion
1/2 cup diced celery
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon paprika
1 egg
1/4 cup chopped parsley
1 cup chicken broth
1 cup chopped walnuts

Saute oil, celery and onion just until tender. Add broken matzos and brown lightly. Remove from heat and combine remaining ingredients. Makes enough for a 12-14 pound turkey

From The Kitchen of Mrs. Waldbaum

CUTTAGE CHEESE PUDDING

2 cups matzo farfel
1-1/4 cups boiling water
3/4 to 1 lb. cottage cheese
3 eggs, well beaten
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 cup sugar
1 tbsp. lemon juice
Dash of cinnamon

350° 8 X 8 oiled pan. 30 to 35 minutes until slightly browned. Soak matzo farfel in water 5 minutes. Combine all ingredients. Serve warm. Top with sour cream or strawberry sauce

From The Kitchen of Mrs.C. Huberman

BROCCOLI SOUFFLE

3/4 lb. broccoli, cooked, drained and coarsely chopped
1-6 oz. potato pancake mix
4 eggs
1/4 cup melted margarine
2 cups fo water

Combine pancake mix with water and let stand 10 minutes. Add all ingredients and mix well. Greased 8 X 8 pan or deep round Pyrex 350° 30 to 40 minutes

From The Kitchen of Mrs.C Huberman

FARFEL FRUIT COCKTAIL CASSEROLE

1 onion diced
4 cups matzoh Farfel-moistened and strained
4 eggs beaten
1 tin fruit cocktail-drained
salt and pepper to taste

Saute onions in 2 tbsps. oil - just until softened. Mix with remaining ingredients, and bake in greased mold at 350° for 30 minutes

From The Kitchen of R. Steinberg

TZIBBLE PUDDING

4 matzos
4 eggs
1/2 stick margarine (melted)
1 large onion (grated coarsely)
Salt and pepper to taste

Soak matzos in water until soft. Drain, add margarine, beat in eggs, add onion, salt & pepper.
Heat a little oil in 8" round pan. Pour mixture into pan Bake at 300° for 1/2 hour or until brown

From The Kitchen of Min Torem

PASSOVER JAM SQUARES

2 eggs separated
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup cake meal
1/2 cup potato starch
3/4 cup jam (Your Choice)
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup chopped nuts

Mix yolks, oil & sugar. Stir in cake meal & potato starch, pat into lightly greased 8" square pan. Spread in jam. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Beat whites gradually add 1/2 cup sugar until stiff. Fold in cinnamon & chopped nuts. Spread over jam. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes

From The Kitchen of S .Haberman

"MEHHEMMAR" MOROCCAN POTATO PUDDING

12 potatoes
6 eggs
1/4 tsp. saffron (or tumeric)
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 C chopped parsley
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 C oil for frying

Peel, boil and mash the potatoes. Heat the oil in a deep frying pan. (The secret to success here is to have very hot oil before pouring in the potato mixture). Add the beaten eggs and seasoning to the potatoes. Mix well. Pour the mixture into the hot oil and turn the flame down to low. Cover the pan and cook for about 25 minutes until all the oil is absorbed. The mehhemmar should be a golden brown colour underneath. Place a large flat plate on top of the potato mixture. Remove the pan from the heat and in one swift motion flip the pudding carefully onto the plate so that the uncooked side is face down. Slide it back into the pan so that the pudding continues to cook for another 30 minutes on a low flame. Garnish with additional chopped parsley if desired.

From The Kitchen of Idelle Slepkov

CRANBERRY SQUARES

1/2 cup soft butter or margarine
1-1/3 cup cake meal
2t sugar
2 eggs
1 cup white sugar
1t baking powder
1t almond extract
2 cup whole cranberries
1/2 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix butter, 2t sugar and 1c cake meal and press into 8" square pan. Beat eggs and add sugar and almond flavouring. Sift 1/3c of cake meal with rest of dry ingredients and add to egg mixture. Place on bottom mixture and bake at least 60 mins.

From The Kitchen of Esther Lecker

PASSOVER PIZZA

BASIC CRUST

3 cups matzo Farfel
2-1/2 cups boiling water
5 eggs
Garlic and onion powder, salt & pepper to taste
1 can mushroom and tomato sauce

Pour boiling water over farfel. Drain. Beat eggs with salt and pepper. Pour over farfel and mix well. Put mixture into large greased pizza pan. Add either dairy topping or meat topping. Bake in oven at 350° for 30 minutes until set

DAIRY TOPPING

8-10 sliced cheese, cover pizza with tomato sauce. Cut cheese into strips and put on pizza. Sprinkle with onion and garlic powder. Bake in oven until cheese melts ad 350°. About 8 to 10 minutes.

MEAT TOPPING

1/2 lb. ground meat or salami or frankfurters.
Brown meat in skillet. Cover pizza with tomato sauce and meat, or strips of salami or sliced frankfurters. Sprinkle with garlic and onion powder if desired. Browned green pepper and onions may be added. Bake in oven 10 minutes at 350° until heated through.

From The Kitchen of Mrs. L. Shainbaum

From the response, the Passover Recipe section of our guide has been a big hit.

I'd like to thank all the participants of our 1992 Passover Recipe Contest who took the time to send in their recipes. Believe it or not, every recipe was prepared and the best were chosen and appear in this year's issue of the Passover Guide. If you come across any recipes that you would like to share, send them to me...

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- ☐ **Pears Halves/Sliced**
- ☐ **Plums**
- ☐ **Fruit Cocktail**
- ☐ **Pineapple Sliced/Chunk**
- ☐ **Apple Sauce**
- ☐ **Apricot Halves**
- ☐ **Cranberry**
- ☐ **Cherries**
- ☐ **Apple Juice**
- ☐ **Tomato Juice**
- ☐ **Grape Juice/Muscat**
- ☐ **Lemon Juice**
- ☐ **Cranberry Juice**
- ☐ **Blueberry Jam**
- ☐ **Blackberry Jam**
- ☐ **Cherry Jam**
- ☐ **Wild Cherry Jam**
- ☐ **Grape Jam**
- ☐ **Orange Jam** ☐ **Gooseberries**
- ☐ **Raspberry Jam** ☐ **Orange Juice**
- ☐ **Strawberry Jam** ☐ **Pineapple Juice**
- ☐ **Pineapple Jam** ☐ **Grapefruit Juice**
- ☐ **Apricot Jam** ☐ **Orange/Pineapple**
- ☐ **Currant Jelly** **Juice**
- ☐ **Plum Jelly** ☐ **Stewed Prunes**
- ☐ **Orange Marmalade**
- ☐ **Lemon Marmalade**
- ☐ **Grapefruit Marmalade**
- ☐ **Honey**
- ☐ **Orange Blossom Honey**
- ☐ **Cranberry Jelly**

DESSERTS & SYRUPS

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS: Festive, Fox, Haddar, Kedem, Lieber, Osem, Rok, Season Brand, Streits, Topaz, Victor & Vita

- **Chocolate Pudding**
- **Gelatins (Assorted flavours)**
- **Chocolate Pudding**
- **Vanilla Pudding**
- **Lemon Pudding**
- **Cherry Jello**
- **Strawberry Jello**
- **Raspberry Jello**
- **Pancake Syrup**
- **Raspberry Syrup**
- **Lemon Syrup** **Assorted Spreads**
- **Chocolate Syrup** **Assorted Toppings**

CAKES & COOKIES

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS: Goodman, Horowitz, Itzkowitz, Man, Montreal Kosher, Streits & Empire

- **Wine Cake** **Fresh Cakes**
- **Dobosh Cake** **Fresh Muffins**
- **Nut Cake**
- **Honey Cake**
- **Marble Cake**
- **Sponge Cake**
- **Brownies**
- **Nut Square**
- **Jelly Roll**
- **Macaroons (All Varieties)**
- **Passover Cookies (Assorted Varieties)**
- **Mandel Loaf (Assorted Varieties)**
- **Mandel Cuts**
- **Fruit Cuts**
- **Muffins Plain/Blueberry**
- **Jumbo Kichel**
- **Egg Kichel**
- **Chocolate Cookies**
- **Macaroon Cookies**
- **Jelly Tarts**

CANDIES, NUTS & SNACKS

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS: Almtree, Barton, Barney, Boston, Elite, Emes, Finesse, Krams, Rose of Galilee, Foremost, Goodman, Haddar, Horowitz Joyva, Kopper, Man, Manhattan, Mariani, Maxime, Oppenheimer, Paskez, Scherling, Season, Segal, Streits, Sweet Shoppe Stone Harbour, Sun Sweet, Charles & Zohar, Sunsweet

- **Lolly Pop**
- **Assorted Gums**
- **Potato Chips Plain/Salted/Ruffled/ unsalted**
- **Marshmallows (Assorted Varieties)**
- **Bartonettes Parve/Passover Assortment**
- **Viennese Krunch**
- **T.V. Munch Parve/Milk**
- **Nut Cluster Almonds**
- **Chocolate Almond Kisses**
- **Chocolate Bars (Assorted Varieties)**
- **Chocolate Bars Parve (All varieties)**
- **Nut Cluster Almond**
- **Assorted Nuts Plain/Chocolate Covered**
- ☐ **Sesame Crunch**
- **Orange Peel**
- **Assorted Dried Fruit & Nuts/Unsalted/ Chocolate Covered**
- **Calimyrna Figs**
- **Dried Figs**
- **Dried Peaches**
- **Mixed Fruit**
- ☐ **Marshmallows Plain/Toasted**
- ☐ **Dried Apples**
- ☐ **Dried Apricots**
- ☐ **Dried Pears**
- ☐ **Prunes (Assorted Varieties)**
- ☐ **Raisins**

SOUPS, SOUP & OTHER MIXES

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS: Carmel, Croyden, Grandma's, Goodman, Haddar, Man, Mothers, Rok & Borscht, Shalom, Streits, Telma, Vita, Osem & Empire

- **Schav**
- **Borscht Regular/Unsalted**
- **Clear Chicken Soup**
- **Matzoh Ball Soup**
- **Matzoh Ball in Broth/Chicken Flavour**
- **Spinach Soup**
- **Mushroom Soup**
- **Cabbage Soup**
- **Onion Soup**
- **Egg Drop Soup**
- **Pot Pancake Mix**
- **Potato Kugel Mix**
- **Matzo Ball Mix**
- **Stuffing Mix**
- **Matzo Ball & Soup Mix**
- **Country Style Soup Mix**
- **Potato Soup Mix**
- **Spring Veg. Soup Mix**
- **Asparagus Soup Mix**
- **Vegetable Soup Mix**
- **Mushroom Soup Mix**
- **Onion Soup Mix**
- **Chicken Cubes**
- **Mushroom Cubes**
- **Beef Cubes**
- **Vegetable Cubes**
- **Instant Mashed Potatoes**
- **Instant Chicken Flavoured Mashed Potato**

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS: Fern, Festive, Gilan, Haddar, Israel, Itzkowitz, Rok, Zohar, Ner Zion, Galilee

- **Liquid Detergent**
- **Toothpaste**
- **Soap Pads**
- **Cleanser**
- **Dishwasher Detergent**
- **Silver Polish**
- **Stainless Steel Scour Pads**
- **Steel Wool Soap Pads**
- **Kosher Soap Bars**
- **Steel Pot N' Pan**
- **Bronze Pot N' pan**
- **Sabbath Candles**
- **Memorial Candles**
- **Havdala Candles**
- ☐ **Disposable Candle Holders**

GEFILTE FISH

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS: Grandma's, Horowitz, Kedem, Man, Mother's, Rokeach, Season & Empire, Mrs. Adlers

- **Fish Slices** **Fishlets**
- **No Salt Fish**
- **White Pike**
- **Old Vienna Fish**
- **Pike Jelly/Liquid/Sweet**
- **No Sugar Fish**
- **Old Jerusalem**
- **Regular-Jelled/Liquid**

VEGETABLES CANNED & GLASS

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS: Beit Hashita, Festive, Haddar, Itzkowitz, Man, Tabor, Taim & Benei-Darom, McCain

- **Olives**
- **Cucumbers in Brine/Plain**
- **Hot Peppers** ☐ **Water Chestnuts**
- **Beets** ☐ **Bamboo Shoots**
- **Potato/Whole** ☐ **Instant Potatoes**
- **Tomatoes** ☐ **Tomato Puree**
- **Mushrooms**
- **Tomato Paste**
- **Gherkins**
- **Dill Pickles**
- **Tomato Puree**
- **Eggplant**
- **Asparagus**
- **Sliced Carrots**
- **Saurkraut**
- ☐ **Red Kidney Beans**

MATZOHS AND MATZOH PRODUCTS

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRANDS: Goodman, Man, Rakusen, Streits, Vita, Yehuda & Jerusalem, Breuer

- **Matzoh**
- **Egg Matzoh**
- **Shmurah Matzoh**
- **Tea Matzoh**
- **Onion Matzoh**
- **Dietetic Matzoh**
- **Matzoh Meal**
- **Matzoh Farfel**
- **Cake Meal**
- **Matzoh Crackers**
- **Mini Egg Matzoh Crackers**
- **Cereal**
- ☐ **Chocolate Covered Matzoh,**
- **Soup Nuts**
- **Matzoh Crackers**
- **Cake Meal**

FISH—CANNED, GLASS & FROZEN

WE CARRY THESE KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BRAND Dagim, Haddar, Itzkowitz, Season, Golden, Feature, Star, Unger's Martel, King of the Sea, Viceroy

- **Solid White Tuna in Oil or Water**
- **Chunk White Tuna in Oil or Water**
- **Imported Sardines**
- **Sole Fillets**
- **Flounder Fillets**
- **Cod Fillets**
- **Mackerel**
- **Trout**
- **Pink Salmon**
- **Kipper Snacks**
- **Spratt**
- **Sardines**
- **Lunch Cut Herring**
- **Shmaltz Herring**
- **Herring Fillets in Wine**

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